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States

Aircraft-laser probe: A laser beam was aimed at a police helicopter Friday - one of several incidents involving aircraft across the country in the past week - and federal authorities ere questioning someone who had been at

a house where they said the light had origi-Officials said no one was hurt when the

laser hit the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey police helicopter as it flew over an area where a similar incident occurred Wednesday.

Soon after, Port Authority officials and the FBI went to a Parsippany, N.J., home where they had tracked the laser beam. No charges had been filed as of late Friday night, officials said

FBI whistleblower: A career FBI agent from Minneapolis who rocked official Washington with a blistering memo to the boss alleging bureau bungling before the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks has retired from the agency.

Coleen Rowley, who was named one of Time magazine's Persons of the Year for 2002 for her whistleblowing efforts, retired Friday, 11 days after turning 50 — when she became eligible for a full pension, the Star Tribune reported.

Anna Nicole's millions: Anna Nicole Smith's lawyer vowed to ask a federal appeals court to reconsider after it ruled that the former Playboy model turned reality TV star is not entitled to \$88.5 million from her late husband, an oil tycoon who married her when he was nearly 90.

Howard K. Stern said Thursday he would ask the full appeals court to rehear the case and would appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court if necessary

World

Sudan's civil war: Sudan's government signed a preliminary peace deal Friday with rebels from the country's south, edging one step closer to a comprehensive accord to end Africa's longest running civil war.

But the continuing violence in the western region of Darfur cast a shadow over celebrations. Delegates from the warring sides initialed the two final chapters of an eight-part pact that spell out a power-shar-

ing agreement and a permanent cease-fire. A final peace accord is set for Jan. 9 in Nairobi, Kenya, where rebel leader John Garang and Vice President Ali Osman Mohamed Taha will sign all eight parts of the peace

Political controversy in Pakistan: Protesters hold a banner that reads "Black Day against pro-U.S. policies and western agenda" on Saturday in Rawalpindi, Pakistan. Secular and religious groups held nationwide protest rallies to condemn the decision by President Gen. Pervez Musharraf to retain the powerful post of army chief. Despite hundreds of people participating in in Karachi and other major cities, the demonstrations did not attract the thousands of protesters that organizers had hoped for, and none of the country's top opposition leaders attended.

Ukraine election turmoil: Viktor Yanukovych vowed to fight on for Ukraine's presidency, despite handing the opposition of this ex-Soviet Republic a begrudging victory by announcing his resignation as prime

His opponent, Western-leaning opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko, soundly won last weekend's court-ordered presiden tial revote, but Yanukovych has refused to concede, yowing to challenge the results in the Supreme Court. Under Ukrainian election law, Yushchenko cannot be declared president until all appeals against the voting are exhausted

China after SARS: China's tourism industry rebounded strongly in the wake of SARS last year, with a nearly 20 percent increase in foreign arrivals and a 50 percent surge in revenues, the government said Saturday.

Some 99 million foreign tourists arrived in China between January and November last year, a 19.6 percent rise from the same period a year earlier, the official Xinhua News Agency reported, citing China's National Tourism Administration

Civil war in Uganda: Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni on Saturday said the army will resume all-out war on rebels in northern Uganda, charging that the insurgents rejected a cease-fire deal that had been expected to open the way for political talks on ending the 18-year civil war

The government, however, will continue negotiating with the rebels in an effort to find a political solution to the conflict in which thousands have been killed and more than a million forced from their homes, Museveni said during New Year's celebrations.

Taiwan independence: Taiwan President Chen Shui-bian described rival China's plans for an anti-secession law as a threat to regional security in his New Year message

China's parliament, the National People's Congress, will discuss plans for the law at its full session convening on March Beijing says the law is aimed at pushing Taiwan to unite with the mainland.

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For Pac troops, little things were big in '04

BY DAVID ALLEN Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa The year 2004 was an eventful one, marked by typhoons, tsunamis, the war on terrorism and landmark elections at home and abroad

Yet for many U.S. servicemembers in the Pacific and their families, the little events - a new baby, a successful deployment mattered most at year's end

"It was inviting a couple of single Marines over for Christmas dinner," said Erica Irvin, 25, who moved to Ok-



children They decid-ed to "adopt" a few Marines for the holidays. "It was so nice, heing

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able to sit down to dinner and exchange gifts and provide them with a family — a home away from home," said the Harlem, N.Y., native. "It just made it such a wonderful

where he met "This year I had a chance to meet my new sister." Farquhar said. "It's nice to have a sister. It forced me to learn a lot, like the kind of things you might have to do when you become a father.'

His mother is 45 years old, so a sister was not something he expected.

"Yes, it's unusual," he added. "But hey, it happens

Across the Sea of Japan, Senior Airman Ivan Rodriguez, an air



traffic controller at Osan Air Base, South Korea, said the year brought two happy events likely to have long-term effects on his

For one thing, he was assigned to Osan's 51st Operations Support Squadron, where air traffic controllers get a high-tempo workout in applying their skills to an array of aircraft

T'm learning more here than I did at my last base," said Rodrigu-ez, 24. "We have a lot of aircraft coming in and out The different type of airframes, big ones, heavies, fast ones ... That's not something you can get at just any base in the States.

But the most significant event involved family

"My sister's having a kid so I'm going to be an uncle," he said. 'I'll get to see them when I go home on

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Thursday. Gunnery Sgt. Ben Leake, 38, said 2004 was just a "good quiet year. That about sums it up

Leake, of Amboy, Ill., with Marine Wing Support Squadron 172, said 2004 was marked by "being able to spend the year with my family without any long deployments. Forty-six days to Korea was the longest. It was nice."

Retired Marine Master Sgt. Joe Sims, 59, said "nothing extraordinary happened" in 2004. "Nothing good and, more importantly, nothing terribly bad. But that's

44 That's the way life should be, nothing very bad, nothing very good, It's just a good, good life.

Retired Marine Master Sgt. Joe Sims

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just a good, good life. Young men and women join the Navy in part to see the world,



er 2nd Class James Kimber, with Commander Task Force 76 at Sasebo Naval Base Japan

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"Being deployed in Thailand during Cobra Gold was great," he said. "I made many of my best friends in a place I had never imagined ever seeing.

"It's difficult now to imagine that a country with such beauty and friendly people has suffered such devastation as that from the tsunamis," he added. "I'm glad the U.S. and others are assisting with relief."

For Navy Airman Arsenio Hawkins, an aviation boatswain's mate aboard the USS Kitty Hawk at Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan, 2004 also was memorable for visiting new places - "a trip to Australia And Hong Kong

Hawkins said he also enjoyed sightseeing and shopping in Singapore and Guam - but he'll probably remember his birthday most: "My 21st birthday. In Las Vegas. It was great."

Travel also marked Marine Set. Carlos Lopez's year. In November, Lopez, assigned to Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station's Headand Headquarters Squadron, flew to visit his wife. "I flew back to Phoenix and staved through the holidays," he said

Thursday afternoon, back in Iwakuni. "I went mainly so I could see my newborn daughter, the couple's second daughter. "Having a second child has a big impact on our lives. We were real ly ready to have a second child.

"Also, 2004 is the first time I've been stationed in Japan," Lopez said. "I really like it here because the people are friendly and it's a beautiful country. And I saw snow for the first time in my life

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Staff Ryan Ayers, an avionics sensors technician with the 51st Maintenance Squadron at Air the highjob-related: a

Dec 1 promotion from senior airman to staff

It's "meant more responsibility, more pull as to what goes on and obviously, more money to support the family," said Ayers, who has a 22-month-old son, Ryan II. with wife Cassandra Air Force Senior Airman Jeres



23, a Korean linguist with the 303rd Intelligence Squadron at cited a job-related event as the year's most signifi-cant. "I went to a language school.

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Seoul." he said. "I'm a Korean linguist so I have to take a test every year. So after I finished that course. I doubled my scores. A successful test also highlight-

ed the year for Air Force Staff Sgt. Shaka Charles, with the 374th Logistics Readiness Squadron at Yokota Air Base: He made

"It was my first time testing he said. "I studied really hard. It was a goal I set and I accom-plished it."

Buster Winters said his first vear at Yokota Air Base solidified what he wants to do in life. He came there hoping to be a Department of Defense Dependents

Schools teacher needed a few courses to earn the teaching certificate needed to accom-

pany his degree. while So working toward his certificate,

took a job

working with toddlers and preschoolers at the Yokota Child Development Center - and through it. realized with more certainty how much he wants to teach

"Each and every day is a new and wonderful thing for me," he said. "The whole year of being there working with the kids has been a great experience. It's been an incredible

year for me." Marine Master Sgt. Bill Foote, 45, said the U.S. presidential election marked year most for "I really be-

lieve in what we are doing in Iraq and

President Bush is the person to lead us." he said. "There's a price for freedom and, as a Marine, I

am ready to pay that price Otherwise, said Foote, with the 3rd Forces Service Support Group on Okinawa, his year was marked by staying healthy and

not getting promoted. "On the good side, I'm healthy," he joked. "On the bad side, I didn't get selected for promotion. But life goes on

"I think what happened over the weekend, with the thousands dving in the tsunamis, showed us all how fragile life is."

Juliana Gittler, Franklin Fisher and Greg Tyler contributed to this report.

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Humanitarian helicopters

Helicopters from Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron 2, the "Golden Falcons," and Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron (Light) 47, the "Saberhawks," depart from the USS Abraham Lincoln on Saturday en route to Aceh, Indonesia. The helicopters are transporting supplies and disaster relief teams and supporting humanitarian airlifts to tsuna mi-stricken coastal regions. The Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group is operating in the Indian Ocean off the waters of Indonesia and Thailand. See page 6 for more local coverage of the tsunami disaster.

AAFES hikes gas 6 cents in Japan

Pump prices drop in S. Korea, Guam

Stars and Stripes

The price for a gallon of regular gas at Army and Air Force Exchange Service pumps will increase by 6 cents in Japan and Okinawa and drop 15 cents in South Korea and 11 cents in Guam effec-Saturday, officials announced Thursday.

These changes are based on the U.S. Department of Energy averages from the previous four-week period, according to an AAFES news release. In Japan and Okinawa, mid-grade unleaded fuel prices

will increase from \$1.94 to \$2.00. Diesel prices will increase from \$1.81 to 1.91, the release stated.

In South Korea the price for un leaded will decrease from \$2.05 to \$1.90 per gallon. The price for premium-unleaded will decrease from \$2.24 to \$2.10 per gallon and the price for diesel will decrease from \$2.22 to \$2.07 per gallon, AAFES announced.

For Guam's AAFES customers, the price for unleaded will decrease from \$2.06 to \$1.95 per gallon, and the price for premium unleaded will decrease from \$2.26

Kadena couple delivers Pacific's first baby of 2005

BY VINCE LITTLE Stars and Strines

Air Force Staff Sgt. Derrick McCoy and his wife, Juestina, hit the commissary at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, on Friday evening — their focus on a New

Year's Eve party later that night Juestina was pregnant with the couple's third child, but she wasn't due for another week

"I figured we'd go by and get some sandwiches before we went," Derrick recalled. "Standing at the checkout line, she goes, 'Hold on, baby, I'll be right

A few minutes later, Juestina returned from the restroom and

told him it was time.
"We took off for the hospital," he said. "Basically, we threw the groceries in the truck and headed out to (Camp) Lester. We already knew the drill

"The only thing we were afraid of was, it's New Year's Eve. The locals have big celebrations. I was worried about heavy traffic. But there was no traffic at all, and all the lights were green.'

About 10 hours later — at 4:24 a.m. Saturday, to be exact — at the U.S. Naval Hospital on Camp Juestina Lester. delivered Kaliyah Devine McCoy, who became the first baby of the new year to arrive at a U.S. military hospital in the Pacific. Measuring 19.5 inches, she weighed pounds, 11 ounces.

"It's like a new beginning — a new beginning," said Juestina McCoy, still in a bit of pain but resting comfortably Saturday afternoon in the hospital. "It's very Derrick, an F-15 weapons main

tainer for Kadena's 18th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, said the New Year's Day birth was indeed a special event.
"The whole birth and all was

special. Miracle baby. That's

what I say," he added. "Everything came out great.

"It's very unique. Our other kids were born during the summer months. To have one on the first day of the year, it's a great way to start the year out

But a holiday birthday isn't unique in the McCoy family. Old-est daughter Jaleisha, 7, was born on Mother's Day. They also have a 6-year-old daughter, Ariana.

At the Camp Lester hospital Saturday, the nursing staff brought flowers into Juestina's room, and more gifts were on the way. There was even talk of throwing a small party in her hospital room to mark the year's first new arrival.

Mother and baby likely would be released Monday, hospital officials said. Derrick plans to take 30 days of leave to spend time

The family moved to Okinawa a little more than a year ago, and he also wants to take everyone out and explore the island, "if the weather allows us to," he said. And Juestina's mother is coming for a visit from Colorado Springs Colo., Juestina's hometown

The hospital at Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan, was the birthplace of the first Pacific military babies in 2003 and 2004. About 550 are born there each year, officials

On Saturday, however, there were no new bundles of joy in the Yokosuka community, said Lt Glory Castaneda, a registered nurse in the naval hospital's Labor and Delivery section. By 6 p.m., no new prospective moms had been admitted.

Recovering from the New Year's Day delivery and getting to know little Kaliyah at Camp Lester, Juestina remarked: "Now, I really have something to celebrate, instead of just the new

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Having a (snow)ball at Atsugi



Children at Naval Air Facility Atsugi, Japan, roll a massive snowball across frozen pine needles and grass in military family housing on Friday. The sudden change in weather was welcomed by kids all over the base.



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IN THE WORLD

Heavy rains, aftershocks add to misery

BY CHRIS BRUMMITT The Associated Press

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia After the devastation wreaked by the seas, a deluge from the skies deepened the misery for tsunami-stricken areas Saturday, triggering flash floods in Sri Lanka that sent evacuees fleeing and increasing the threat of dead ly disease as survivors shivered in relief centers.

Additionally, a magnitude 6.5 aftershock jolted Sumatra, as the confirmed death toll from the quake and tsunamis that hit a week ago passed 123,000. The United Nations has said the estimated number of dead was approaching 150,000.

At one refugee camp on the grounds of the airport of Banda Aceh, hundreds of people spent a wet night under plastic sheets. "With no help we will die," said Indra Syaputra.

The rains pummeling the corpse-littered city were creating conditions for cholera and other waterborne diseases to spread

The Indonesian Red Cross in Banda Aceh, the capital of Aceh province, reportedly dug out a survivor from the ruins of a house where he had been buried since the tsunami struck. The rescuers heard Ichsan Azmil's cries for help. After he was pulled out

tsunami stories on Pages 6-7

Friday, he asked for water and was taken to a hospital for treatment of cuts and bruises

On India's remote Andaman and Nicobar islands, a woman who fled the killer waves gave birth Monday in the forest that became her sanctuary. She named her son "Tsunami.

In eastern Sri Lanka, flash floods forced the evacuation of about 2,000 people already displaced by a tsunami that killed nearly 29,000 people on the tropical island. Several roads leading to Am-

para - one of the hardest hit towns — were flooded, preventing relief trucks from arriving, said Neville Wijesinghe, a senior police officer.

The hunt for loved ones dragged on with tens of thousands still missing throughout Southeast Asia

Aftershocks rattled the region sending panicked Sumatrans into the streets.

Geologists said a 6.5 quake rattled Sumatra at 1:25 p.m., centered 155 miles southwest of Banda Aceh. Smaller quakes hit



Refugees displaced by last week's tsunami eagerly reach out for food donations Saturday at the airport in Banda Aceh, Indonesia. A U.N. humanitarian chief estimated the number of dead was approaching 150,000.

West Java and southern Sumatra earlier. Seismologists said strong tremors of up to magnitude 6.1 also struck the Andaman and Nicobar islands, where the exact number of tsunami casualties was not known but feared to be in the thousands

Hunger and disease were the biggest threats in the archipelago, which the Indian government has largely been keeping off-limits to foreign aid agencies.

"There is starvation. People haven't had food or water for at least five days. There are carcasses. There will be an epidemic," said Andaman's member of

Parliament, Manoranjan Bhakta. Island officials say at least 3,754 people were missing amid crumbled homes, downed trees and mounds of dead animals. V.V. Bhat, chief secretary of the islands, said the missing could not be presumed dead because they could have survived in coconut groves that dot the islands.

In Indonesia, hardest hit of the 11 nations struck by the tsunamis, the official death toll stood at more than 80,000, but officials said it could reach 100,000

Sumatra tsunami victims swarm Navy aid helicopters

BY DENIS D. GRAY

The Associated Press

ABOARD THE USS ABRA-HAM LINCOLN - Desperate, homeless villagers on the tsunami-ravaged island of Sumatra mobbed American helicopters carrying aid Saturday as the U.S. military launched its largest operation in the region since and other emergency relief to survivors across the disaster

From dawn until sunset on New Year's Day, 12 Seahawk helicopters shuttled supplies and advance teams from offshore naval vessels while reconnaissance aircraft brought back stark images of wave-wrecked gry, traumatized inhabitants. "They came from all direc-

tions, crawling under the craft, knocking on the pilot's door, pushing to get into the cabin," said Petty Officer First Class Brennan Zwack. "But when they saw we had no more food inside, they backed away, saying 'Thank you, thank you.' "

"The mob decided how we distributed the food. There were so many hands outstretched I don't think any package touched the ground," added Zwack, of Sioux Falls, S.D.

The heliconters took off from the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln, staged in calm waters about three miles off the Indonesian province of Aceh along with four other vessels to launch the sprawling U.S. military oper-

More than a dozen other ships were en route to southern Asian waters, with the USS Bonhomme Richard, an amphibious assault vessel carrying Marines, headed for Sri Lanka, which along with Indonesia was the worst-hit area. The mission involves thousands of sailors and Marines, along with some 1,000 land-based troops.

Thailand's Vietnam War-era air base of Utapao has become the airlift hub for the region.

C-130 transport planes were already conducting sorties to Jakarta and the Sumatran cities of Medan and Banda Aceh, according to a statement Saturday by the U.S. Embassy in Jakarta. U.S. Navy medical staff are

also on the ground in Meulaboh. a decimated fishing village where several thousand bodies have been recovered. The Navy is considering a request from Jakarta to establish a field hospital there.

As many as 100,000 people are feared dead on Sumatra, which was closest to the epicenter of last Sunday's catastrophic quake and tsunami. Although aid has been piling up in regional airports, officials have had trouble getting it out to the areas in need and the U.S. military was expected to ease the bottleneck.

The Lincoln's operations officer, Cmdr. Matthew J. Faletti, said the New Year's Day effort off Sumatra was focused on ferrying emergency relief, including biscuits, energy drinks and instant noodles, to communities along the 120-mile stretch of seacoast south of the city of Banda

Most of the 25,000 pounds of aid supplies delivered Saturday were picked up from Australian and other foreign shipments at Banda Aceh and then rushed by the helicopters to coastal town,

killed by the giant wall of water. U.S. military medical and damage assessment teams were also landed with heliconters flying in heavy winds, rain and low

Supplies had to be dropped from craft hovering over some water-logged areas where landing proved impossible.

There is nothing left to speak of at these coastal areas," said Lt. Cmdr. Jeff Vorce, a pilot from San Diego, California. The tsunami left a swath of destruction as deep as two miles inland. with trees mowed down like grass and the only evidence of buildings in many communities

the bare foundations, pilots said. Many residents were camped out on high ground, either afraid to return to the seacoast or having nothing to return to.

The town of Meuloboh, where ome 50,000 people had once lived, was about 80 percent destroyed, Faletti estimated.

Officials said information was being gathered on how best American resources could be used including the skills of machinists, masons, carpenters, divers and general laborers among the more than 6,000 crew members on the giant carrier

"Everyone is champing at the bit to go out and help," said Vorce. "Today wasn't about a paycheck."



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Near right: Air Force personnel at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, load humanitarian relief supplies Saturday onto a C-5 Galaxy. Six aircraft carry ing troops and supplies left Okinawa to support tsunami-relief efforts in Southeast Asia. Far right: Airmen from the 374th Airlift Wing at Yokota Air Base, Japan, load supplies onto a C-17 Globemaster headed for a forward-operating base







The Associated Press Military keeps brisk tsunami-relief tempo

BY VINCE LITTLE Stars and Stripes

in Utapao, Thailand

With fears of disease and epidemic stretching across tsunami-ravaged Southeast Asia where the death toll has soared past 123,000 — U.S. military officials in the Pacific are picking up the pace of their humanitarian and disaster-relief operations in the re-

With assessment teams on the ground and Joint Task Force 536 moving into place, led by Lt. Gen. Robert R. Blackman, commander of the Okinawa-based III Marine Expeditionary Force, American servicemembers are distributing food, water and medical supplies to victims of the tragedy and aiding in the search for possible survivors. An estimated 5 million people remain homeless.

"We'll continue to flow these things in there," said Army Lt. Col. Vi Strong, a Pacific Command spokeswoman. "Our tempo will continue. In fact, we're calling in more people to help with this effort. Nothing is slowing

"There are a number of U.S. military assets already in the region, and more are headed to the region for humanitarian assis tance and disaster relief

A Marine spokesman on Okinawa said servicemembers and supplies are continuously being pushed out to help in the massive humanitarian-relief mission. Six flights left the island Saturday, carrying Humvees, Meals, Ready to Eat, water and communica tions gear.

As heavy snow fell New Year's Eve on Yokota Air Base, Japan, officials there sent another C-130 to Utanao, Thailand, On Saturday, a from McChord Air Force Base, Wash., followed suit. Both carried additional equipment and supplies for the Southeast Asia effort, 374th Airlift Wing officials

Seven C-130 Hercules cargo aircraft have transported about 150 troops, equipment and humanitarian supplies to the forward-operating base at Utapao, which is being used as a regional airlift hub. The aircraft will re main for an indefinite period, delivering supplies to more remote locations.

The deployed airmen repre-sent personnel from maintenance, medical, finance, aircrew communications units. They've hauled about 49 tons of cargo and humanitarian supplies to affected regions.

The amount of devastation is like none anyone has ever seen.

Our unique talents and training make our airmen properly suited to providing support to those who need it," Col. Doug Kreulen, the 374th Airlift Wing's vice commander, said in a news release issued Saturday.

Air Force 1st Lt. Warren Comer, a 374th Airlift Wing spokesman, said Saturday that Yokota's role in the mission would only expand as aircraft continue transiting through the base.

According to a 7th Fleet news release, the USS Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group began providing logistical support Saturday to disaster victims in the Indonesian province of Aceh

"For the first time in this tragic situation, six SH-60F Seahawk heliconters from Lincoln are actively ferrying food and medical supplies from collection points in the Indonesian town of Banda Aceh to affected locations in Indone-Lt. Cmdr. John Daniels, a USS Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group spokesman, said in the release. "Additionally, these helicopters will take injured and otherwise affected people back to Banda Aceh, where they will re ceive necessary medical and humanitarian attention

Navy officials expect additional support in the area in seven to 10

 The amphibious assault USS Bonhomme Richard will provide aid to the region, along with elements from its expeditionary strike group including the USS Duluth, USS Milius, USS Rushmore, USS Bunker Hill, USS Thach and USCG Munro.

The strike group "carries 25 he-licopters, which will be valuable to us again, in disaster relief." Marine Lt. Gen. James T. Conway, director for operations, Joint Chiefs of Staff, said last week. "There are four additional Cobras that will also be instrumental, think, in reconnaissance efforts

. The commander has also onted to move five of his pre-positioned ships out of the squadron, located in Guam. These five ships have fresh-water producing capability Each ship can produce 90.000 gallons of fresh water a day, and of course, that'll be extremely valuable as we have a number of requests already for fresh water supply. There is a sixth ship that has a field hospital embarked aboard, that can be phased ashore, again, depending on the results of the assessment teams, and the need."

There are 2,100 Marines and 1.400 sailors embarked aboard the Bonhomme Richard Expedi tionary Strike Group and 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, Conway

ng said a 43-member Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine Unit is expected to arrive in Medan, Indonesia, within the next three days.

Defense Department epidemiologists, entomologists and lab technicians - with 31 from Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and the remaining 12 from Japan and the U.S. main

This team will monitor water quality, food sanitation and mos-quitoes," she said. "They're addressing one of the big points, and that's preventive medicine. They'll also participate in any disease-outbreak surveillance and chemical analysis. They'll carry a portable lab, so they can analyze

things right out in the field. "Their job is to try to work with the preventive end of it.

The total force commitment to the disaster-relief and humanitarian-assistance campaigns has not been determined, Strong said, adding that most deployment lengths are also indefinite.

"We'll stay until we're no long-er needed." she said.

Fred Zimmerman and Pat Dicksor contributed to this report. E-mail Vince Little at:

building their lives and burying the scores of thousands who perished "On this first day of a new year, The team includes military and

we join the world in feeling enormous sadness over a great human tragedy," Bush said Saturday in his weekly radio address. ... The carnage is of a scale that defies comprehension," he added.

CRAWFORD, Texas - Having pledged \$350 million to help tsuna mi victims in South Asia, the Bush

administration is focusing on the lo-

gistics of getting clean water, food

and other supplies to people re-

The dollar amount of U.S. assistance could rise as the impact of the tragedy is realized. Bush said in a statement released at his Texas ranch where he and first lady Laura Bush are beginning the new year.

In New York on Friday, Secretary of State Colin Powell also said more U.S. aid could be forthcoming to help the victims of the earthquake and deadly waves that killed more than 121 000 and left 5 million homeless, with predictions the death told could reach 150,000.

The White House Office of Management and Budget said the U.S. assistance comes from the De-fense Department budget and the U.S. Agency for International Development's International Disaster Famine and Assistance account.

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Japan pledges up to \$500M in disaster aid

BY AUDREY MCAVOY The Associated Press

TOKYO - Japan pledged up to \$500 million in grant aid for tsunami disaster relief on Saturday, Prime Minister Junichiro Koi zumi announced, making the country the largest single donor to victims of the catas-

Koizumi, in a statement, said Japan would extend the aid — which includes a previous pledge of more than \$30 million to affected countries and international orga

The promise pushed the world aid pledge to the disaster zone well over \$1 billion

economy at the top of the global donor effort to help countries recover from the tsunami disaster, which has killed more than

123,000 people from Malaysia to Somalia. Koizumi said he would attend a tsunami aid conference next week in Jakarta, Indonesia, to "express Japan's determination to

extend the maximum possible assistance commensurate with its responsibilities as a fellow Asia partner While Japan's economy has suffered

since the 1990s and Tokyo has watched China grow rapidly to rival its influence in Asia, Japan remains home to the world's

years to assume a more prominent diplo-matic role that is line with its wealth. It is currently campaigning for a permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council and has dispatched non-combat troops to support the U.S.-led coalitions fighting in Afghanistan and Iraq

Tokyo hosted several aid conferences for the reconstruction of Afghanistan since

2002 and on developing Africa.

The government has yet to work out how the funds will be dispensed, the Foreign Ministry said. The \$500 million is an upward limit on Japan's donation "for the time being," Koizumi's statement said.

cal help in building a tsunami warning system for the countries lining the Indian Ocean

Such a system could have triggered an evacuation of coastal areas that experts say would have saved thousands of lives

As the Japanese origin of the word "tsunami" implies, Japan has a long history of coping with deadly quake-triggered waves. One of the earliest recorded tsunami was a wall of water that leveled a building around a giant statue of a Buddha in 1498. A devastating tsunami struck Japan in 1896, killing more than 21,000 people.

As cleanup effort continues, tourists get back to beaches

second-largest economy

BY MIRANDA LEITSINGER The Associated Press

PHUKET, Thailand - Six days after one of the worst natural disasters in decades, foreign tourists were back on the beaches of this Thai resort island Saturday, frolicking in the gentle waves of the Andaman Sea, riding jet skis, posing for snapshots and sunhathing topless on the sand

That was mindboggling — and infuriating — for island resident Aime Yodkaew, as she swept away de-

"I just figure if everyone uses about an hour of their holiday time [to help clean up], this would help a lot for the locals," said Yodkaew, a Swede who lives on the island with her Thai husband.

But Yodkaew acknowledged that as soon as tourists get back to indulging in the sort of fun Phuket was famous for before the catastrophe - the sooner her husband's sailboard and catamaran rental business will be able to start making money again.

A dozen or so foreigners were out sunbathing Saturday on Karon Beach, still littered with garbage, dead plants and leaves — a reminder of the giant waves that struck on Sunday, killing more than 4,800 people in Thailand, more than half of them for-

By Saturday, more than 6,000 still were missing and feared dead

Across southern Asia and eastern Africa more than 123,000 people died.

Along the beach, students from an international school were clearing up debris left by the waves and stuffing it into garbage bags. The foreigners relaxed a few steps from a store with windows blown out by the giant waves.

Tourists are the lifeblood of this beautiful island in southern Thailand and this is the peak for overseas visitors, a warm, dry season coinciding with the depth of northern winters

Thailand's resort islands, like much of the region, were a patchwork of devastation. Some hotels were wined out, while others were untouched or minimal

ly damaged.

"A lot of people haven't left the island, a lot of people who were there have just continued having their holidays," said John Everingham, who publishes Phuket Magazine for visiting tourists

"Definitely less than 10 percent of hotel rooms in Phuket are closed."

By contrast, another popular but much smaller is-land, Phi Phi — where the 2000 Leonardo DiCaprio movie "The Beach" was filmed - was wiped out almost entirely. The worst loss of life was on the main-land north of Phuket, where more than 3,000 bodies already have been found.

The Finance Ministry estimated that the tsunamis likely will shave just 0.3 of a percentage point from gross domestic product growth in 2005

Charles Vickson, a Buddhist visiting from Hong Kong, said that at Phuket's Laguna resort, which was not badly affected by the waves, he saw bronzed European tourists return to sunbathing by the pool just minutes after the tsunamis.

They laid out their towel ... and the lady, with her headphones on, resumed her sunbathing as if nothing had happened," he said.

Stephen McClure, 12, holds a sign last week along Ingelwood Hill Road in Sammamish, Wash., trying to raise money to help those affected by

Reports of child rapes follow tsunami

BY SHIMALI SENANAVAKE

The Associated Press

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka teenager who escaped death but was left orphaned and homeless by the Asian tsunami met yet one more agony: gang rape, one of sev-eral cases of child abuse being investigated in the disaster zone, an official said Saturday.

Of all the human tragedies emerging from the worst natural disaster in decades, sevual abuse of vulnerable children in refugee camps must be among the most

But experts say it's not uncommon in times of conflict and trau-

"When there is displacement and chaos, the possibility of this type of behavior is higher," said Harendra de Silva, head of the National Child Protection Authority. With nearly 1 million losing their homes, Sri Lanka has imme-

diate concerns of survival, rolling out relief trucks as cargo planes ferry food, drinking water and medical supplies from donor na-But psychological and behavior-

al problems are certain to become more important as the authorities gain control over the life-threatening issues

De Silva said his governmental agency already is investigating several complaints of sexual abuse in centers housing tens of thousands of survivors.

So far, the cases of suspected abuse have been isolated. But officials are concerned that the trauma of the catastrophe, coupled with the close quarters in the refugee centers, could spawn many more cases.

"In the aftermath of displacement and shock you do see an increase of abuse and violence against women and children," said Ted Chaiban, head of the U.N. children's agency in Colom-

He said UNICEF was funding the survey by de Silva's group to identify abused children and provide them with extra protection. Sexual crimes were an aspect

of Sri Lanka's 20-year-long ethnic war. Women's activists said they had frequent reports of Sinhalese soldiers raping Tamil women, although few were prosecuted. Tamil rebels have been fighting for independence in the northern and eastern provinces, claiming discrimination by the majority Sinhalese who dominate the gov-

De Silva gave few details of the case of the gang-raped 17-year-old girl, which occurred in the area of Galle on the southern coast but not in a refugee center. Hours after being washed ashore and left orphaned and homeless, she was raped by six men, he said.

Americans get creative in raising relief funds

BY JAY LINDSAY The Associated Press

BOSTON — A Kentucky widow, moved by the cries of grief she heard in reports about tsunami disaster in south Asia, invited her entire town to a New Year's Eve bash to raise ney for the victims.

In California, a college offered free basketball tickets, with a gift for relief efforts the only price of admission.

A group of children in a Seattle suburb stood out in the rain offering "Hot Chocolate for Tidal Wave Relief!" and raised \$255 In ways large and small, people around the country have found ways to help victims of one of history's worst natural disasters.

"I can say the outpouring has been amazing," said Coco Mc-Cabe, a spokeswoman for the Oxfam International relief agency. "Even though it's happening on the other side of the world, it feels so close.

Oxfam said Friday it had re ceived almost \$6 million in unso licited donations since the disas ter on Dec. 26. The American Red Cross reported almost \$44 million Thursday evening. Three brothers ages 3 to 7 each

dropped off sandwich bags con-taining a few dollars at the Mile High chapter of the Red Cross in Denver, according to spokesman Robert Thompson. The same chapter also accepted a \$50,000 donation from a man who request

ed anonymity.

A group of children in Sammamish, Wash., a suburb of Seattle, stood in steady rain Wednesday selling hot chocolate to fight the chill. Eleven-year-old Thomas Wilson said he couldn't get the rising death toll of his mind "It's so horrid, so terrible — such a huge loss of family. And I couldn't do anything about it," he said. "Then I did this hot choco late stand and it made me feel bet-

Kids elsewhere around the country were similarly moved. In New York City, six children ages 12 to 18 worked late Thurs-

day and early Friday to make doz-ens of cookies, brownies and cupcakes for a door-to-door bake sale organized by Do Something, a

Fire kills 175 in Argentina nightclub

More than 700 injured; mayor says locked exit doors likely kept many from escaping

BY KEVIN GRAY The Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina -Authorities were searching Saturday for the business partners of a Buenos Aires nightclub owner after a fire that killed 175 people and injured hundreds after survivors said the building's emergency exits were locked.

Club owner Omar Chaban was detained Friday and was expected to face questioning by a federal judge in the coming days about the disaster, which happened late Thursday

Meanwhile, families and city officials continued to work to identify victims and the injured. For a second straight day, workers post-ed lists of people being treated on walls outside the city's hospitals. where families gathered for news of their loved ones

Investigators said they believed one of Argentina's worst disasters began when a flare was

fired during a rock concert, igniting the foam ceiling of a club crowded mostly with teenagers.

Another 714 people were injured in the blaze, which set off a stampede for the exits as the concert hall filled with thick, black smoke. At least 102 people were reported to be in critical condi tion, said Julio Salinas, an official with the Buenos Aires emergency services department.

The fire tore through the Cromagnon Republic nightclub, where the Argentine rock band Los Callejeros was playing to a crowd of 4,000 people. News reports said the nightclub had a capacity of 1,500 people.

Witnesses described chaotic scenes of people rushing for the doors amid burning debris, their vision blurred by thick smoke that also blocked out emergency lighting. Other witnesses told of people struggling to force open gave his name only as Andres said surging crowds pushed their way toward several of the club's six doors but found some of them wouldn't open.

"Once the fire erupted, everyone ran for the doors, but there was only one very narrow one open at the exit closest to us. Another wider door next to it was locked," he said.

Buenos Aires Mayor Anibal Ibarra said four of the building's doors - including two emergency exits - were either tied shut with wire or locked with padlocks in an apparent attempt to prevent people from entering without pay-

"Had they been open, we sure-ly would have avoided a lot of deaths," he said, calling the locked doors an "irresponsible

"It seems they were con-demned to a terrible trap," said Interior Minister Anibal Fernan-



Grieving family members react after finding their loved ones in the morgue of a local hospital. A fire swept through a crowded nightclub during a rock concert Friday in Buenos Aires, Argentina, killing 175 people and leaving more than 700 injured.

Abbas welcomed enthusiastically by Rafah gunmen

BY IBRAHIM BARZAK The Associated Press

RAFAH REFLIGEE CAMP, Gaza Strip - Dozens of gunmen gave a warm welcome to interim Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas on Saturday, hoisting him on their shoulders and pledging loyalty to his campaign for the Palestinian presidency

The gunmen were among tens of thousands of peo-ple to greet Abbas in Rafah, a teeming camp in southern Gaza that has seen some of the heaviest fighting during the past four years of Israeli-Pales tinian violence.

The camp was decorated with large posters of Abbas, and the crowd was in such a frenzy that Abbas was forced to leave an indoor campaign rally through the window of the building

"Rafah suffers from oppression and occupation, but it will not be defeated and humiliated and will not back down except after victory and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state, with Jerusalem as its capital," Abbas told the cheering

Abbas, the front-runner in the Jan. 9 presidential election, has been courting armed groups in recent days, even though he has spoken out against violence and called for a negotiated settlement with Israel. The campaigning has prompted questions about whether Abbas is playing campaign politics or identifying with violent groups.

Abbas, who lives in the West Bank, traveled to Gaza this week to mark the 40th anniversary of the ruling Fatah movement, On Jan. 1, 1965, Fatah carried out its first attack on an Israeli target — an explosion at a water tower in which one Fatah member was killed and a second arrested.

Abbas' convoy was stopped by the group of gunmen as it entered Rafah on Saturday. Abbas, also known as Abu Mazen, got out of his car and made his way through the ecstatic crowd.

The gunmen, members of the Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, a violent group with ties to Abbas' ruling Fatah party, placed an Arab headdress on his shoul-



Interim Palestinian leader and presidential front-run ner Mahmoud Abbas, center, waves to supporters as he steps from his motorcade Saturday during a visit to the Rafah refugee camp, southern Gaza Strip.

ders and chanting "with our blood and souls, we will redeem you Abu Mazen." The gunmen hoisted Abbas on their shoulders and carried him through the crowd before he headed into a nearby hall to deliver his speech.

At the rally, Abbas praised the residents of Rafah. Israeli troops frequently operate in the area, trying to halt weapons smugglers who work along the Egyp-

"The killing and assassinations and the bulldozing

did not prevent us from visiting Rafah ... the stead-fast Rafah," Abbas said.

Abbas repeatedly praised longtime Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, who died on Nov. 11. Both men were among the founders of the Fatah move-

"Today we celebrate the 40th anniversary of the revolution begun by Abu Ammar," he said, referring to Arafat. "We will continue until a Palestinian boy and girl place a Palestinian flag over the walls and minarets of Jerusalem." he said

Handicapped Polish teen reaches pole-to-pole goal

WARSAW, Poland - A handicapped Polish teenager reached the South Pole on Friday after a 120-mile trek, achieving his goal of making it to both ends of the Earth within a calendar year, a spokeswoman said.

Janek Mela, 16, who lost his right arm and left leg in an accident two years ago, reached the pole with two companions with whom he set off Dec. 17, said Justyna Sliwicka, who talked to the expedition's leader over a sat-

"They are happy they made it, but very tired and they need sleep," Sliwicka said.

Mela set a record in April by becoming the youngest and most severely handicapped person to reach the North Pole, when he trekked some 90 miles in forbidding weather, she said.

Leading both trips was Marek Kaminski, a businessman who reached both ends of the globe in solo trips in 1996 and 1997. A cameraman also was part of the

S. Korea extends troop deployment to Iraq

SEOUL - South Korea's parliament on Friday approved extending the mission of its 3,600 troops in Iraq for another year.

The National Assembly approved the plan in a 161-63 vote with 54 abstentions just before the troops' previous mandate in Iraq expired at midnight.

South Korea completed deploying its forces to the Kurdish town of Irbil last month, becoming the third-largest contributor of troops to the coalition after the United States and Britain. The South Ko rean contingent is not involved in combat operations and consists mostly of engineers and medics who repair roads and offer free medical services.

The deployment to Iraq has been sensitive, and the South Korean government called for a blackout on the troops movements as they arrived in Iraq, citing security concerns. In early December, President Roh Moo-hyun made a surprise visit to Irbil to encourage the soldiers.

The Seoul government decided in November to extend the deployment for another year until the end of 2005, but that move required parliamentary approval. The vote was delayed repeatedly this month while lawmakers argued over a series of unrelated reform bills.

Also Friday, lawmakers approved the national budget for next year ahead of the midnight deadline

Vigils and prayers usher in the New Year

By JOHN LEICESTER The Associated Press

PARIS - Prayers and candlelight vigils were substituted for narties across Asia, while Paris draped black cloths along the

Champs-Elysees. From Europe to Africa, the joy celebrating the leap into 2005 was clouded by the sheer scope of last weekend's earthquake and tsunami tragedy, which killed more than 123,000 people in Asia and Africa and left millions of others

Prime Minister Goeran Persson. who urged Swedes to light candles in their windows as a vigil. "We should have celebrated with fireworks and festivities. Now that feels completely wrong

In tsunami-battered Thailand, hundreds of mourners - many clutching white roses and candles gathered in the resort of Phuket to remember lost loved ones and friends

Paul Foley, a native of Essex, England, who lives in Chalong, Thailand, said he believed people around the world would "spend a

In Europe, thousands were struggling with the loss of loved ones and friends. The confirmed death tolls for many European countries were in the double digits. but officials warned the final tallies would be in the hundreds or even thousands. For Sweden alone, 2,500 tourists were still missing, while Switzerland was waiting to hear from some 700

and the French reported at least 118 disappeared. Many of the estimated 1 million revelers around the glittering, firework-illuminated harbor in little more reverent tonight; it was kept in people's thoughts," British tourist Mark Stiles said.

Stores in major German cities reported a decline in sales of fireworks following appeals from Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder and others for the money usually spent on pyrotechnics to be donated to relief agencies.

Chancellor Wolfgang Schuessel of Austria also urged people to forgo fireworks. The city of Innsbruck canceled its display in a siTyrol who remain missing in Asia Mayor Hilde Zach called the decision "a sign of solidarity" to mark

the great loss of human life In Paris, 480 scarf-like strips of black cloth hung along the Champs-Elysees and on light posts at the nearby Place de la Concorde — a deliberately discreet but poignant gesture to vic-

tims "This night cannot be ordinary because of this mourning affect-ing the entire planet," Deputy Mayor Anne Hidalgo said.

Many Asians were too busy counting the dead, feeding survi-



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Allawi warns neighbors to halt insurgents

Iraq's patience running out, he tells Syria, Iran

BY BASSEM MROUE The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — At least three roadside bombs targeted Iraqi security troops Saturday, a day after Prime Minister Ayad Allawi warned Iraq's neighbors to crack down on insurgents infiltrating from their territory, saying that Irag's patience was wearing thin

Al-Qaida, meanwhile, claimed responsibility for a bold attack on U.S. troops.

Iraqi officials have repeatedly accused Syria and Iran of supporting the insurgents waging a campaign of violence against American forces and Allawi's U.S.-backed government. Both countries have denied helping militants or allowing them to cross their borders into Iraq.

But Allawi's comments Friday to Baghdad's Al-Iraqiya television were among his toughest yet. "Some countries are hosting people who are involved in harming the Iraqi people," he said, without naming any nations. "Harming Iraq and its people is not allowed.



Iraq's interim prime minister, Ayad Allawi, speaks at a news conference in Baghdad. Allawi delivered an unusually strong warning to neighboring countries to crack down on insurgents

infiltrating from their territory. He said his government had contacted the countries and was waiting for their reply. "According to the answers we will decide what the next step will be," he said.

"Iraq is not a weak country Iraq is passing through a difficult period but Iraq can respond in a strong way if needed," he said. he said. "Patience has limits and it is beginning to run out."

assigned to the I Marine Expeditionary Force was killed in action Friday during security operations in the Al Anhar Province the Marines said in a statement, which

did not provide any other details. A roadside bomb explosion struck an Iraqi National Guard patrol south of Mahmoudiya, a town about 25 miles south of Baghdad. It left one guard dead and six wounded, an ING officer said Sat-

Another bomb went off while a U.S. military convoy was driving through southern Baghdad's Dora district on Saturday, wit-nesses said. The blast damaged nearby shops, but apparently caused no casualties.

In the town of Youssifiya, just south of Baghdad, another bomb exploded early Saturday, wounding two guardsmen who were on patrol, police said.

In Baghdad's western neighborhood of Adl, police found two beheaded bodies on a main street Saturday, witnesses said. Police said they couldn't identify the vic-

Iraqi forces on Friday discov ered and cleared four improvised explosive devices and five weapons caches and detained 122 suspected insurgents, the U.S. military said Saturday. The sweep appeared to be the latest in a series of anti-insurgency operations in

U.S. deaths in Iraq

AP's count

As of Friday, at least 1,328 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press

At least 1,042 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Department said

The figures include three military civilians. The department did not provide an update Fri-

The British military has reported 76 deaths; Italy, 19; Po-land, 16; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary

and Latvia one death each. Since May 1, 2003, when Pres-

the so-called Sunni Triangle in central Iraq.

Al-Qaida in Iraq, led by the country's most wanted terrorist. Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, claimed responsibility for a well-coordi-nated attack Wednesday on a U.S. nost in the northern city of Mosul. The U.S. military said one Ameri-can soldier and 25 insurgents ident Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,190 U.S. military members have died, according to

That includes at least 933 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers as of Thursday.

The latest deaths reported by

the military

■ No deaths reported. The latest identifications reported by the Defense Depart-

Army Pfc. Oscar Sanchez, 19, Modesto, Calif.; died Wednesday in Mosul, Iraq, when an explosive struck his observation post; assigned to 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade Combat Team), Fort Lewis, Wash.

were killed in the battle.

militants, however, claimed they had suffered no casualties. "We, al-Qaida in Iraq, claim responsibility for the battles of Mosul, may God cleanse it from the impurities of the infidels." said a statement posted on a Web site that often carries militant claims.





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Punk rockers help ring in new year in Iraq

By NICK WADHAMS The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - Two years ago, Saddam Hussein could not have imagined in his wildest nightmares that on New Year's Eve 2004 he would be sitting in a jail cell and a punk band known for albums titled "Hitler Bad, Vandals Good" and "Look What I Almost Stepped In" would be playing in the

heart of his former empire. But so it was that the Army's 1st Cavalry Division, 3rd Brigade, got a one-hour show by Southern California punk perennials The Vandals, who delighted a small mosh pit in the Green Zone with favorites including "Oi to the World" and "Anarchy Burger," the ditty that earned them brief worldwide fame (and \$22,000) when it was quoted in the 2002 Vin Diesel movie "XXX."

The show was one of the few entertainments provided for U.S. troops in Iraq on New Year's Eve, a day marked chiefly by a relative lull in violence. There were no fireworks, though a few offices on bases were still spruced up with holiday decorations. A nighttime curfew kept Iraqis off the street and Baghdad echoed mostly with the sound of helicopters running frequent patrols over downtown.

"It's pretty cool to be asked to come out and go right in the middle of it - it's like

44 It's pretty cool to be asked to come out and go right in the middle of it — it's like we stepped inside our television.

> Ine Fscalante Vandals bassist

we stepped inside our television," Vandals bassist Joe Escalante, wearing the flak jacket he borrowed from the Army for the tour, said before the show.

While many soldiers sat in the dusty, darkened theater staring in bemusement as The Vandals played their extremely loud set, a handful of die-hards reverted to their happier American ways and jostled each other in true slam style in the impromptu mosh pit.

This is straight up one of the few times I get to go out and beat people up, but it's a friendly atmosphere so were not getting beat up too bad," said Pfc. Russell Holt, 20, a medic from Tampa, Florida. "These guys

are up there with Superchunk The Vandals, who gained popularity in the 1990s for blending a sharp sense of humor with their punk riffs, mixed it up with a few three-chord ditties, speed versions of Queen's "Don't Stop Me Now" and "Summer Nights" from the musical Grease, and the theme song of "Team

America: World Police," "America, (Expletive) Yeah!

The set earned the praise of Matthew Linus Byars, a 31-year-old medic from Nashville, Tenn., and self-proclaimed punk rocker for 18 years. He stomped through the mosh pit and stood before lead Vandals

singer Dave Quackenbush, bobbing his head in rapture "There aren't many real punk rockers in the Army," Byars said.

"I just kind of blew off Christmas as another day of work but this was really special to me," he said. "It was one of those if I'm on duty I'll trade anybody to be here this afternoon.

The Vandals are on a two-week tour in which they've played eight shows at several bases and will go to Kuwait on Saturday for one more show before heading back to

the States Celebrity visitors for every taste have touched foot in Iraq since the war began Troops have chuckled to Robin Williams and Rob Schneider. Pro wrestler Diamond Dallas Page taught soldiers a few moves. while pro fisherman Ray Scott, affectionately known as the "Bass Boss," has cast

lines into the Tigris River. The Vandals admitted they don't have the drawing power of such Iraq visitors as Toby Keith, Cincinnati baseball legend Rob Dibble or the Dallas Cowboys cheerleaders. But they said they were pleased with the crowds they got from an entertainment-starved military

You rock out to the band you have, not the band you wish you had," guitarist Warren Fitzgerald said, riffing off of Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld's comments to troops in Kuwait who had complained the Army isn't getting enough armor. Otherwise there were few major events

planned for New Year's Eve. Chow halls served a special menu and troops were allowed nonalcoholic beer at a few bases. But there were no big-ticket visitors as there were for Christmas Eve, when Rumsfeld stopped at Fallujah and comedian David Letterman filmed "The Late Show" from Camp Tagaddum. "It's work today, work tomorrow. We're

here to work," said Specialist Joe Killo, 22, a military policeman from Columbia "Iragis don't celebrate our holidays, so

we can't put the war on holiday.'

Schoomaker wears flag patch differently for new test uniform

BY LISA BURGESS Stars and Strings

ARLINGTON, Va. - When Gen. Peter Schoomaker visited troops in Iraq last week, an alert reader noticed he was wearing sleeve patches the opposite of how they were told to put them

The Army chief of staff had his U.S. flag patch above his combat patch, contrary to Army regula-

The reader sent an e-mail to Stars and Stripes: Had Army regulations changed? No. said Army spokesman Lt.

Col. Bryan Hilferty. Schoomaker is wearing the digital camouflage test uniform.

In February, Schoomaker directed soldiers to wear the flag patch on the right shoulder of their battle dress uniform, or BDII - sewn below the combat patch, if they had one, so soldiers didn't have to rip a patch off and re-sew it on, only lower.

The new BDUs have Velcro fields on both arms to eliminate



the sewing of rank and patches The regulations governing the wearing of those BDUs, including the mandatory adoption phase-in date for the entire Army, "will be released within the next several

weeks," Hilferty wrote. E-mail Lisa Burgess at: burgessl@stripes.osd.mil

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker is wearing the digital camouflage test uniform.

Afghans arrest suspect in August car bombing KABUL, Afghanistan - Security forces have arrested the suspected organizer of the deadly car bombing of a U.S. security firm in the Afghan capital and believe he was acting on the orders of al-Qaida, an Afghan offi-

cial said Saturday cal said Saturoay.

The man, a Tajik national called Mohammed Haidar, confessed his leading role in the Aug. 29 car-bomb attack, which killed about 10 people, including three Americans, Afghan state television reported.

Haidar also admitted organizing a suicide attack on a Kabul shopping street on Oct. 23, the TV report said.

Troops in Afghanistan welcome 2005



Soldiers of U.S. Combined Forces Command dance during a New Year's celebration at their base in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Saturday.



IN THE STATES

Revelry and reflection at Times Square

Global tragedies leave partiers counting blessings as new year begins

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Nearly a million revelers celebrated the 100th annual New Year's countdown in Times Square amid a storm of confetti and fireworks, the festive mood broken only by a moment of silence to honor those killed in the earthquake and tsunami in South Asia.

Treated to temperatures in the low 50s and watched over by teams of armed police officers, the crowd broke into a chorus of "Auld Lang Syne" after the 1,000-pound crystal ball made its yearly trek down a pole atop 1 Times Square on Friday night.

Many in the crowd gathered handfuls of confetti as it fell - some 3,000 pounds in all - and tossed it into the air again, cheering and kissing loved ones.

"We've never come such a long way from home, but it's been really worth it. said Tracy Bartz, 32, of Channahon, Ill.

"They put our picture on the jum-otron," her boyfriend, Andy Kelleher, 40 added with a smile. The two had camped out in Times Square since 11 a.m. to make

sure they got a prime view of the ball. Police said there were few disruptions. Early Friday evening, police arrested a man who was found carrying a loaded rifle at 1 Penn Plaza, a few blocks from Times Square. The incident briefly closed 33rd Street, but most revelers didn't notice



Monica Perez, left, and Jeannie Rowells, both of Chicago, cheer as midnight approaches at Times Square in New York. Nearly a million people packed in to watch the ball drop.

Four other people were arrested for disorderly conduct, said Detective Eric Crisafi, a police spokesman.

Many of those gathered were dressed only in sweaters and light jackets as tem-peratures hovered around 50 degrees well into the night

Outgoing Secretary of State Colin Powell, a native New Yorker, pressed a giant button with Mayor Michael Bloomberg to begin the ball's descent at 11:59 p.m. Later, the two sang "New York, New York" and

"America" with the crowd. At midnight, a 2-minute city-sanctioned pyrotechnic display lit the sky as revelers shook balloons and cheered. Entertainment earlier in the night included live music by Lindsay Lohan and Duran

"In my lifetime I've served in many places around the world, and wherever I happened to be the turn of the year just didn't feel right unless I had in some way seen or heard about the ball coming down on time," he said during a press conference

The crowd paused at 8:15 p.m. to honor victims of the tsunami in South Asia.

"I think we all have to look in the mirror tonight before we go to bed and recognize just how lucky we are and that not every-

one else is so lucky," Bloomberg said Many revelers said the South Asian tragedy would be on their minds as the new year dawned.

"You still have to remember what's going on in the world because it affects everybody and it should affect the celebration," said Chris Lawrence, 21, of New-burgh, N.Y. "We should remember how fortunate we are for everything we have over

For the first time in 32 years, the celebra-tion went on without TV personality-producer Dick Clark, who was recovering from a stroke. Daytime talk show host Regis Philbin was filling in for the 75-year-old Clark on ABC-TV's "New Versit Parkin' France" Year's Rockin' Eve

Philbin called it "the greatest temp job in the world."



New Calif. law allows gay couples benefits as domestic partners

BY LISA LEFF The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO - Like many gay couples, Brian Cornell and Alberto Rulloda long ago established a legal framework for their relationship to match their commitment to each other.

They drew up wills naming the other as beneficiary, property agreements and powers of attorney, among other documents. The couple of 27 years wanted to spell out the specifics that would have been presumed if they were

Come Saturday, such impro-vised arrangements will be less necessary for them and nearly 29,000 other California couples – the majority same-sex partners. A law taking effect with the new vear gives gay couples who register as domestic partners nearly the same responsibilities and ben-efits as married spouses. Heterosexual elderly couples also are eli-

Same-sex couples in California for the first time will have access to divorce court for dividing their seeking alimony and secur ing child support. They also will have automatic parental status over children born during the relationship and responsibility for each other's debts.

It guarantees domestic part-ners a say over what happens to their loved one's remains at death and means they cannot be forced to testify against each other in state courts

"It won't be as good as marriage because we are talking about a thousand-plus federal benefits that won't be covered," Cornell said. "But a start's a start.

progress is progress.' Many gay rights advocates say the domestic partner law heralds a hopeful new era of legal recognition and participation for gay men and lesbians. They hope that is particularly true for those rais-ing children or without the money to pay lawyers to prepare the previously recommended paperwork.

One indication of the growing acceptance comes from the California Department of Health Ser vices, which is updating its birth certificates to replace the lines for "mother" and "father" with the gender-neutral "parent" and "parent." Until now, hospitals "parent." Until now, hospitals have hand-altered the forms, and countes have needed a court order for the changes to be ap

Two groups opposed to marriage rights for gay couples have challenged the law, claiming it vi-olates the intent of a 2000 ballot initiative approved by voters that holds only unions between a man and a woman as valid in the state

The California Court of Appeal has agreed to hear the case early

Murder rates decrease in large cities in 2004

BY TOM HAYS

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Big cities were less deadly places to live in 2004 as murder rates declined in several urban areas, including New York, Chicago and Washington, D.C., according to a survey by The Associated Press.

Officials in New York and Chicredit the drop cago crime-fighting strategies that included putting more officers on the street and beefing up natrols in dangerous neighborhoods.

"We really targeted gangs, drugs and guns," Chicago police spokesman Pat Camden said. "Technology enabled us to take our gang tactical units and put them in places where we anticipated violence, areas where narcotics trafficking was bold and blatant.

There were 445 homicides in Chicago as of Thursday, compared with 600 in all of 2003, po lice said. That is a decrease of about 25 percent, and would mark the first year since 1965 the city finished with fewer than 500

The high mark was in 1992. when there were 940.

Exceptions to the trend were St. Louis, Detroit and Baltimore, where killings were up after steady declines.

The overall results were consistent with official FBI statistics for the first six months of 2004, which showed a nearly 6 percent fall in murders for the nation.

In New York, the murder total was 565 as of Thursday, from 596 in 2003. The total appeared cer-tain to remain below 600 for the third year in a row - levels comparable to the early 1960s. New York saw a slight increase in murders in 2003.

Experts agree that police de-serve credit for driving down murders. But they add that other factors - including a growing adult population less prone to violence — are in play.

"They're doing their part to bring down the murder rate if only by getting older," said James Alan Fox. a criminal justice professor at Northeastern Universi-

Elsewhere, Washington was on track to see one of its lowest mur-

Through Monday, homicides to taled 193, compared with 240 at the same point in 2003.

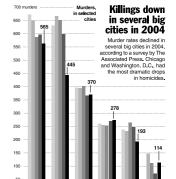
Other cities reporting decreases in homicides were Las Vegas. Miami, Phoenix and Philadelphia, while numbers in Los Ange les and San Diego were about even with last year.

The steepest increase was in St. Louis, where through Thursday murders were up 56 percent - to 114 from 73. But police say the total still is the third-lowest in nearly 40 years, and argue that a campaign to tame a dangerous drug trade is working. "It's still a pretty good number

historically for this city, but I think we can do better." Police Chief Joe Mokwa said of this year's results.

Killings also were up in Detroit to 384, including one early Friday, from a total of 366 in 2003. But police view the total favorably considering the year started with a rash of killings that drove the murder rate up 50 percent through April.

Police spokesman James Tate said the department reversed the



SOURCES: AP survey; FBI, Uniform Crime Reporting Program; Census Bureau

trend in part by "putting the crunch on illegal narcotics," an effort that resulted in the confiscation of \$74 million in drugs

A violent drug trade also has fueled an increase in slayings in Baltimore amid continuing turmoil in police leadership, officials said.

The city had logged 278 mur-ders through Thursday, com-pared with 271 at the same time

Acting Police Commissioner Leonard Hamm said the department has emphasized cracking down on gun offenders.

California and Nevada reeling from winter storms

The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - An unrelenting storm brought more rain and snow to Southern California on Friday, while residents in the Sierra Nevada dug out from as much as 8 feet of snow.

More wet weather was expected through the New Year's weekend for most of the state, giving skiers mountains of fresh snow but dangerous driving conditions

Storms this week have battered California, Arizona, Nevada and Colorado.

Three to 4 feet of snow have already fallen on Nevada mountains and as much as a foot of snow came down in the mountains of Colorado. At least nine people have died.

In Southern California, the National Weather Service posted winter storm warnings and flood advisories through Friday evening.

Heavy rain pounded Santa Barbara, Ventura and Los Angeles counties, with up to an inch of rain an hour falling in western Los Angeles County by midmorning. Los Angeles had almost 1.2 inches by midmorning, giving it more than 8 inches for the week.

Snow was falling over the Tejon Pass on Interstate 5, the main artery linking Los Angeles to the Central Valley and Northern California

In the Sierra, up to 8 feet of

snow had fallen since Thursday, temporarily shutting down the main highways to Lake Tahoe-area ski resorts and snarling holiday traffic

An avalanche warning was postd for backcountry ski areas from Yuba Pass to Sonora Pass.

The snowfall in Reno was the heaviest in that part of Nevada in more than a decade, as snow forced the airport to shut down Thursday night for only the second time in 40 years, a spokesman said.

A break in the storm allowed Interstate 80 and U.S. 50 to reopen Friday after being closed off and on for more than a day: the highways connect Sacramento, Calif., to the Reno-Tahoe area.

Another band of storms was forecast Saturday in Northern California and remain into Sunday, said weather service meteo-

rologist Daniel Harty Five people have died in the storms in California since Mon-

In Arizona, searchers recovered two bodies believed to be those of college students who had vanished when their canoe can

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experts, Tom Thorne and Beth Williams, of Albany County, Wyo., died Wednesday when their pickup hit a jackknifed trail-er on U.S. 287 in northern Colo-

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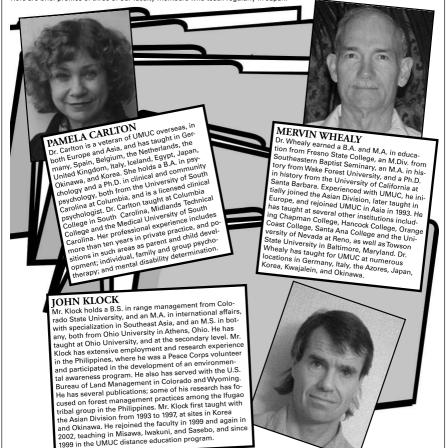


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From left: Marine Corps Pfc. Jeff Sanders, of Millmont, Pa., sits with his mother at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.; Army National Guard Staff Sgt. Dale Beatty, of North Carolina, shows off a bracelet like the ones members of his unit back in Iraq are selling to help his family; Marine Corp Cpl. Mark O'Brien of Buffalo, N.Y., paints a model car at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

They would do it again, no matter the cost

Wounded troops' first wish is to get back to battlefield

BY LEO SHANE III Stare and Strings

WASHINGTON - Pfc. Jeff Sanders lost his left leg three months ago when his Hum-vee struck a roadside bomb about 30 miles south of Baghdad.

If the Marines would let him, the 22-year-old would gladly risk his other leg,

"There is absolutely nothing else I'd rather do than get back out there," he said. "To be back with the unit, if it meant I could save one of their lives, I'd lose the other leg. I'd do it all over again.

"You don't realize how much you care for those guys until you're not there with them. Sanders said most of the soldiers he has met at Walter Reed Army Medical Center also want to get back to the battlefield and. more importantly, back with their units. Despite the trauma of their injuries, most would return to danger if they could.
"I feel like I'm failing them," said Pfc. Joe

Ramsey, a 20-year-old who lost his right arm during a car bomb attack in the Sunni Triangle. "I know I shouldn't feel that way, but I do. And this place isn't the real Army

Ramsey's unit was in Korea for almost a ear before deploying to Iraq; he joked that the guys were getting a "bad reputation" for their loud parties while off duty.

Now, during his down time at the hospital, he tries to call them between shifts, but only gets to talk to them every few days.

"I miss the guys," he said. Staff Sgt. Dale Beatty, 26, had been squad leader with his North Carolina Army National Guard unit for almost eight years before he lost both legs in February

His unit has been selling bracelets made of rope to raise funds for his recovery, and has raised about \$3,000 so far. He wears one too, and tugs at it every time he talks about



Army Reserve Staff Sgt. Joe L. Bowser, of Kentucky, moves through the halls at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

"When I would go on leave, just for 15 days, I would feel guilty and need to be re-united with the guys," he said, "Now, I just

want to get back with my guys."

Physical therapy provides some relief for soldiers like Beatty, who approaches his daily exercises like an assigned mission. Since a rocket attack took Staff Set. Joe L.

Bowser's right leg in April, his rehabilitation has included going skiing several times on a prosthetic limb. The 45-year-old knows all the staff in the physical therapy department and teases other patients around him for not having "real" injuries.

But when he talks about the soldiers still in Iraq, his excited, booming voice softens, "Most of them were a lot younger than me, so it was like being with my kids," Bows-er said. "My battle buddy was 18 years old, and she reminded me of my daughter."

Bonds soldiers develop are very strong

WASHINGTON — Experts say a sol-dier's desire to return to the battlefield, even after a serious injury is not surprise

Leonard Wong, a professor of military strategy at the U.S. Army War College, said the main concern of soldiers on the battlefield is keeping their friends safe. Even if they have been hurt, they still have that sense of duty to their unit.

"They feel a social obligation with their friends," he said. "It's a responsibility that the group has put on them, to go out there and fight."

In a 2003 study of soldiers shortly after the end of major combat operations in Iraq, Wong found that while some soldiers fight because of a sense of larger political ideals, the primary motivation for most is simply keeping themselves and their fellow troops safe

He said even those he met who had suffered significant trauma - like losing a close friend in battle - wanted to stay to help keep others safe.

"When I talked to officers their No. 1 fear was always losing somebody," he said. "It's not just about self-survival."

Dr. Paul Hanges, an organizational psychologist at University of Maryland, said the desire to return to the battlefield, even after a horrific injury, shows how strong the bonds soldiers develop

with each other can be.

"They may have been shot but they see their buddies still back on the line, Hanges said. "Even after a stressful and life-threatening situation, they want to go help them."

His makeshift Reserve unit trained for weeks. He will likely serve at stations outonly a month before they entered Iraq last January, but he considers them a second

"You get close quick." the 45-year-old said. "They tell me they don't want me back out there, because I already did enough for them. But it's hard

"When I got hurt, I was having more problems with not being with them than I was dealing with my lost leg."

The Department of Defense has made efforts in recent months to return wounded soldiers to active duty, even close to the battlefield. Col. Daniel Garvey, deputy commander of the Army's physical disability agency, said greater numbers of seriously wounded soldiers are returning to service because of a new emphasis on the experience and inspiration they can bring to units.

Navy medic Jose Ramos lost his left hand in a shoulder-fired rocket attack, but after six months of treatments he has been approved to return to duty in the coming side Iraq, which is not as close to the front lines as he would have liked.

"I've been ready to go back since the day I was hurt," the 24-year-old said. "I love the field, and I love being out there helping the Marines '

But the others know they likely won't get the same opportunity.

Ramsey has already talked to Army officials about continuing his military career in some way, although he admits it won't be

anything like his combat service. Cpl. Mark O'Brien, 22, lost his right arm in an ambush in April and has decided to go back to college instead. He isn't happy with

"I wish I could go back and fight with my friends," he said, his voice shaking. "You can ask pretty much anyone in here and

they'll tell you they want to go back "But it's time for me to move on. It's just tough not to be there with them.

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Emmerich judging in Berlin

Roland Emmerich, the director of "Independence Day" and "The Day After Tomorrow," will head the jury at the Berlin Film Festival in Febru-

Eleven films already have been selected to run in the festival's main competition. They include "The Life Aquatic With Steve Zissou," a new comedy from Wes Anderson, and "Les Temps qui changent" (Chang-Times), directed by Andre Techine and starring Catherine Deneuve and Gerard Depardieu.



A festival statement last week said Emmerich, a native of Germany, would head the jury that will award the top Golden Bear prize, but gave no details of its other members.

Organizers already have announced that the world premiere of French director Regis Wargnier's "Man to Man, a historical adventure epic that stars Joseph Fiennes and Kristin Scott Thomas, will open the 2005 festival - its 55th edition — on Feb. 10. The event closes Feb. 20.

Jet Li injured in tsunami

Action star Jet Li injured his foot as he protected his daughter from tsunami waves that flooded his hotel in the Maldives, Hong Kong newspapers reported Tuesday

Li, who played the villain in 1998's "Lethal Weapon 4," was with his daughter in the hotel's lobby Sunday when huge waves gushed into the hotel, the Apple Daily newspaper re-



ported, quoting a friend vacationing with Li He slightly injured his foot while picking up his daughter, the report said. Ming Pao Daily News reported Li struck his foot against a floating

niece of furniture Li made his name in Hong Kong as a martial arts film star before moving on to Hollywood. His screen

credits include "Romeo Must Die" and "Hero."

Gavheart steels up for play

Actress Rebecca Gavheart, who gained popularity as the "Noxzema girl" in the skin care company's ads, has joined the cast of "Steel Magnolias," opening on Broadway in April.

Gayheart, 32, appeared on the TV show "Beverly Hills. 90210" in the 1990s, and has more re-

cently been seen on the FX series "Nip/Tuck" and Showtime's "Dead Like Me." Her movie credits include "Scream 2" and "Urban Legend."

She will play bride-to-be Shelby, the role portrayed by Julia Roberts in the 1989 movie version of Robert Harling's play, it was announced Monday.





gins preview performances March 15 at the Lyceum Theatre and onens April 4

'Fat Albert' fears typecasting

Kenan Thompson, who plays the title role in the new "Fat Albert" movie, hopes he doesn't get typecast.
"You always gotta watch yourself



Thompson

when you're playing like such an iconic character because you don't want to be trying to audition for something else and all anybody wants to do is 'Hey! Hey! Hey!' ... and kick you out of the audition," Thompson recently told reporters, according to AP Radio The live-action film, directed by Joel Zwick, is based on the animated

TV series that comedian Bill Cosby created in the 1970s about adoles-cents growing up in Philadelphia. Thompson said he wore a form-fit-

ting fat suit to play the role. "I had all this belly to get around and a little more booty, but you know it was cool," the 26-year-old actor-co-

median said. Stories and photos from The Associated Press



Flying high again

DiCaprio hits screen with latest epic, 'The Aviator'

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - Leonardo DiCaprio likes to think he and buddy Martin Scorsese share at least some of the obsessive fixations of Howard Hughes, the subject of their latest collaboration, "The Aviator"

■ Living through a mammoth project when it looks like it might capsize, as DiCaprio did with "Titanic," which went on to become the biggest modern blockbuster.

■ Becoming so engrossed in a story it occupies years of your life and requires a massive resurrection of another era, as Scorsese did with "Gangs of New York," which took 25 years to develop and a colossal construction job to re-create 19th-century Manhattan.

"The Aviator" screenplay hooked them from the start. with an early sequence detailing Hughes' fanatic devotion to his World War I film "Hell's Angels." Using his own money, Hughes spent \$4 million on the 1930 film, at the time the biggest movie budget ever, and reshot it for sound after deciding the silent era was finished.

"I think Marty and I can both relate to, when we read the script, we both immediately read 'Hell's Angels, year three.' We were like, wow, we know what that's like, being a part of an epic that just goes on and on and on," DiCaprio said in an interview with The Associated Press. "Persevering against all the odds and trying to make the best film, being a perfectionist, trying to make the story the best it

"I certainly can't imagine taking things to the level Hughes did in his life. It's too exhausting. The man led 20 different lifetimes in one life."

"The Aviator" casts DiCaprio as Hughes during his scrappy years from the late 1920s to late 1940s, when he fought the Hollywood establishment and pushed bounds on sex and violence in film, dated parades of starlets, and oversaw creation of the world's biggest and fastest planes.

Cate Blanchett co-stars as Katharine Hepburn, whom Hughes dated for three years. Kate Beckinsale plays Ava Gardner, another of his longtime companions.

The film hints at the Hughes of later years, the cloistered multimillionaire with long hair and fingernails, terrified of germs and locked in a hotel room surrounded by tissue

It's the image of the freakish recluse that DiCaprio, 30, grew up with when it came to Hughes, who died in 1976. Then about eight years ago, DiCaprio read a biography of Hughes and became fascinated with the scope of his achievements and the conflict between his public image as a playboy and daredevil and private life as a man increasingly paralyzed by phobias.

DiCaprio initially developed "The Aviator" with Michael Mann, who decided against directing it after back-to-back film biographies in "Ali" and "The Insider." The actor pitched the script to his "Gangs of New York" director Scorsese, who quickly signed on for "The Aviator

Like Howard Hughes, who loathed being under the public lens at Hollywood premieres. DiCaprio has learned to live uneasily with tabloid celebrity.

"I hate being bothered by paparazzi, Anyone would," Di-Caprio said. "The flip side of that coin, I'm one lucky bastard, and I have nothing to complain about. People are dealing with problems around the world that are infinitely more complicated and much more extreme than anything having to do with a couple of crummy photographers. I'm not one to complain about it too much.

DiCaprio shuns questions about his personal life, tersely denying recent rumors that he split with his girlfriend, Brazilian supermodel Gisele Bundchen.

When it comes to his Oscar prospects on "The Aviator," DiCaprio is more forthcoming than most actors, who tend to insist demurely they never think about awards. After his academy recognition for "What's Eating Gilbert Grape," DiCaprio has been snubbed since, missing out on nominations with "Titanic," "Catch Me If You Can" and "Gangs of New York," films that put his co-stars in the Oscar race.

Does he feel overlooked by his peers come Oscar time? "Mmm, maybe," DiCaprio said. "But you do these films and you throw it out to the public, and it's up everyone else to figure out whether they think it is worthy of something like that or not. ..

Ultimately, DiCaprio said his greatest reward is to be part of films that might stand the test of time and bear repeated viewings decades down the line. "There are certain films out there, that's the reason I get

so excited about doing movies, that hopefully I can be part of a film that people 50 years from now will be able to still want to watch. That's what's exciting to me.'

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Curfew doesn't curb mischief

First, I'd like to thank retired Navy Cmdr. Scott Smith for his brilliant, well-written letter explaining the machinations behind the U.S. Forces Korea curfew policy ("Curfew just a morality move Dec. 24). The policy is indeed an abuse of

authority The USFK curfew policy has been a thorn in the side of many of us for a long time. I resented it when I was an Air Force noncommissioned officer, and I resent it even more now that I am retired and working here in South Korea

If there is, in fact, a legitimate reason for increased "force protection" measures, then somebody should notify the South Korean government about it. There have been no warnings of potential terrorist threats in the South Korean media, and South Korean citizens are going about their daily business as usual. That makes the new, expanded curfew policy easy to see for what it really is, an effort by USFK leaders to expand and exert more control over the daily lives of those who serve here. Why? I'm not sure.

Some people are just really into control. Especially religiously inclined people who tend to think they are somehow making God happy when they limit everybody's personal freedoms.

If it's true that USFK leaders want to make South Korea everybody's "assignment of choice." then they are doing exactly all the right things to make it the oppo site of that

I long for the good old days in South Korea when the Town Patrol would simply arrest the troublemakers and leave th rest of us to drink in peace. Was that really so bad?

Yes, there will be some military mem bers who will drink too much and get in trouble, but that's probably happening even now as I sit and write this letter at 1 p.m. on a weekday. That's where the Uni form Code of Military Justice comes into

As for [USFK commander] Gen. [Leon] Laporte's report to the Senate Armed Services Committee about USFK's efforts to combat prostitution and human trafficking, where he lumped curfew violations into the overall number of arrests related to prostitution and human trafficking, that was just ludicrous. People break the curfew because they resent it, not because they are up to no good. It's time to rethink the curfew policy

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Charles Lacy (Ret.) Songtan, South Korea

Not even on-base alternatives

There we were in Seoul for a fun-filled weekend. It was Thursday night, Dec. 23, and we were ready to have a good time. First we thought we would start the night off with a few games at the bowling alley. Lo and behold, we only got to play one game when we were advised that the bowling alley was closing at 10 p.m.

So we figured it would be no big deal and headed on out to the Main Post Club

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Upstairs was pretty much dead with about 10 customers and a Philippine band playing. We asked if there was anything going on downstairs and were advised that noth ing was set up. After trying to make the best of it, we finally decided that maybe the Dragon Hill Lodge might have some kind of function. We arrived at 11:55 p.m. and were advised that they were closing.

Dec. 24 is a U.S. Forces Korea holiday. not a training day. Why was nothing set up for the soldiers? On a peninsula where there is a restricting curfew of midnight for everyone who is status-of-forces-agreement-related, nothing was organized to entertain the soldiers and the community.

I wonder how many people were caught breaking curfew that night? Maybe the command is to blame for not providing something that would have deterred any curfew violations? What does the com-mand really care anyway? Most of them are stationed here with their loved ones. while the single soldiers have nothing to do but break curfew trying to drown out their sorrows of loneliness

Maybe the command needs to put themselves in their soldiers' shoes and stop worrying about making an extra star. Once upon a time. South Korea was raved as the assignment of choice. What would the aver-

age soldier call it now?

Miguel Marquez Osan Air Base South Korea

There has been an ongoing debate on this page over whether Jesus was a liberal or conservative. This is a relevant subject considering that we're coming off an election in which conservative politicians effectively took advantage of so many people who believe in Christianity.

Keep Jesus out of politics

The Dec. 10 letter "Different view of Jesus" argued that Jesus supports retribution and pre-emptive war. There are some serious problems with this argument. For one. Jesus was an extreme pacifist. After

he was nailed to a cross crowned with thorns, beaten, whipped and publicly humiliated he asked God to "forgive them, for they know not what they do." Does that sound like someone who would support a destructive, pre-emptive war like the one in Iraq?

Furthermore, the writer tries to use the Ten Commandments as an example of how "Jesus is stern." Do the Ten Com-mandments not say "Thou shalt not kill."? It clearly states that it is not OK to kill.

Another point the writer makes is that conservatives are against slavery; he uses Abraham Lincoln as an example. While I do believe most conservatives today are against slavery, they endorse policies that hurt African-Americans and other minorities. Also, Lincoln was definitely not a conservative. In the 1860s America's political parties were different than what they are today. The Republicans were the liberals and the Democrats the conservatives. If religious conservatives, such as the let-

ter writers who argue that Jesus is a Republican, make up a majority of my country, then I will gladly stay in the minority until another 3 percent of voters change

Sgt. Luis Ortiz Camp Spearhead, Kuwait

Kuwait troops not on vacation

This letter goes out to the writer of "A complaint on complaining" (letter, Dec. 23), who is stationed in Iraq. The "vay cay" here in Kuwait is going great. Except a couple of problems. The other day I had to wait about 20 minutes at Burger King for my two Whoppers. We can't swim in the pool until the heater gets installed. For about a month, the racquetball courts have been closed, due to a light problem. The post exchange has only 150 DVD titles in stock

The noint I'm trying to get across is that all of us deployed to Kuwait didn't choose to come here. If you have a problem with us in Kuwait, take it up with the Pentagon, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld or President Bush. It's not like there isn't anybody here who doesn't travel to Iraq. I give a lot of credit to the transportation units that travel to Iraq, risking their lives so troops up north have everything they need.

I'm a carpenter with the 448th Engineer Battalion Combat Heavy, a Reserve battal-ion from Puerto Rico. I have a lot of friends in Iraq right now. If I could be up there with them, I would. It was the luck of the draw that I'm in Kuwait. I am away from my family, too. You think that people back in the States only think about troops in Iraq and Afghanistan? Everybody has family and friends who worry about them.

So the next time you want to say someabout us soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines in Kuwait, just remember that you volunteered for your second tour in Iraq. I pray for the safe return of my friends deployed in Iraq with the 980th En-gineer Battalion, the 458th Engineer Battalion and the 411th Engineer Battalion.

Spc. Adrian P. Stull Camp Arifian, Kuwait

By GARRY TRUDEAU

Doonesbury Flashbacks







OPINION

Democrats knocked, didn't wait for answer

BY MICHAEL GECAN

hirty-two years ago, in the Auditori-um Theatre of Roosevelt University in downtown Chicago, I believe I witnessed the destruction — actually, the self-destruction - of the Democratic Party. I was attending a rally for George McGovern. The place was packed. And the stage held scores of Chicago pols red-faced aldermen and county committeemen in dark suits.

There were the usual speeches from the usual Democratic functionaries, but the warm-up act for the candidate was not some tongue-tied Polish pol from the Northwest Side. Onto the stage strode an actor every one knew - Warren Beatty. He was a vision handsome, tanned, long-haired and dressed almost entirely in black leather. He dramatically discarded his floor-length leather coat, only to reveal leather pants and shirt. The crowd inhaled, gasped and burst into applause. The faces of the pols onstage went white with shock or red with rage.

Beatty is now a married man, with a fami ly, back in California, but the Democratic Party is still the same star-struck, celebrity-driven, immature mess that it was in 1972. Instead of Warren Beatty, this year's headliners were Bon Jovi, Bruce Springsteen and the inimitable Michael Moore.

Incredibly, on the night before the elec tion, in the crucial swing state of Ohio, in the incredibly important city of Cleveland, John Kerry appeared at a rock concert headlined by The Boss. If any of those jowly pols who were on that auditorium stage in Chicago are still alive, they must have howled with disbelief and expired. If buried, they were rolling in their graves. There is nothing

dumber than bringing all of your troops out of the trenches at the very decisive point of a major battle. While Kerry was playing Mc-Clellan, the distracted, cautious and self-involved Union general who led from the rear. Karl Rove was Stonewall Jackson, using maximum force with maximum mobility for maximum effect at all the key points and moments of the campaign.

The other trend I witnessed, in 1972 and beyond, was the development of a style of organizing, practiced by several so-called progressive groups, that involved door-to-door canvassing an almost scientific method of person-by-person fund raising, a set of prepackaged issues that were primarily meant to excite people to sign petitions and donate dollars, and a talent for attracting media attention. Its central dynamic was to recruit scores of young people, who would go door to door, distributing information and raising

That is exactly the dynamic used by most of the heavily funded Democratic getout-the-vote efforts.

Scores of thousands of people, many of them paid (how else do you squander \$200 million?), knocked on millions of doors during this campaign. The Democratic-leaning canvassers left information, repeated a canned sales pitch and moved along. They did not engage the people in real conversation. They did not listen to their concerns. They did not recruit real volunteers to work on their own blocks. They did not take the time to find out which pastor or rabbi was a leader in an area and which congregations people attended. They were progressive salespeople with a high quota of contacts and no time to relate, who disappeared from



people's towns and lives the very moment, on election night, that they learned the sale had not been made.

It was as if they had never been there. And in a way, they never were. These two tendencies - celebrity worship and quick-hit canvassing - betray the central problem at the heart of the Democratic Party's political culture. The party has no time or patience for the complex work needed to listen to Americans, to understand their range of views and positions, and to engage them on their deepest interests.

Even worse, many in the hierarchy of the Democratic Party have contempt for ordinary Americans - for their red faces and moderate churches and mixed, often moderate views

No amount of money can solve this problem. No think tank has the answers. No rising senatorial star can save the day. And no Hollywood hero can substitute for the fundamental changes the Democrats need to make to contend for the large, pivotal middle of the American electorate

Michael Gecan is with the Industrial Areas Foundation, an umbrella group comprising 55 organizations in the States and three overseas that work for social change. This column first appeared in The Washington Post.

Tale of Pale Male inspires those of restless spirit

mid all the bad news from around the world, one happy item originates from Manhattan: the saga of Pale Male, the bird-king of Central Park. The story of his temporary defeat

and ultimate triumph James Pinkerton

reminds us that the call of the wild is heard even in the most ordered of urban set-

> Pale Male, of course, is the red-tailed hawk who has nested atop Fifth Avenue since 1993. And because New York City has more photographers and writers per square inch than any other

city in the world, the hig hird became a natural magnet for documentarians and other chroniclers. So the co-op board at 927 Fifth Avenue should have anticipated the storm of protest that followed its Dec. 7 decision to remove Pale Male's nest from its building. Some of the pro-Pale Male protests came from residents, notably Mary Tyler Moore But most of the pressure came from the flock of bird-watchers and other outdoorsy activists, who sold the media on the story line that the nest-busters were a bunch of grinches. The protests worked: On Dec. 23, workers restored Pale Male's nesting place

So why did the Pale Male story click with the public? Why did his eviction become a celebrity cause, when serious environmental problems go mostly unchecked? The red-tailed hawk, after all, is not an endangered species

One answer, of course, is "biophilia." That's the term coined by Harvard entomolo gist E.O. Wilson to describe the innate human yearning to have some direct contact with nature, even if it's nothing more than a plant in a window box — or a glimpse of a neighboring hawk. To biophiliacs, a bird in the park is worth more than millions of birds in faraway bushes.

A second answer is more political, Ordinary Americans have little control over events around the world, but they do feel a communal ownership over public spaces in their own hometown. And that belief in a collective stake applies even to the megabucks residences along Fifth Avenue. Yes, those buildings are private property, but much of their value derives from their views of Central Park, and that's public property. So those who benefit from the green vistas are now on notice that they have an obligation to maintain the ongoing circle-of-life nature show that exists in the park. And so what if



Pale Male watches mate Lola land on their 12th-floor New York "love nest" last year.

the millionaires and billionaires at 927 have to deal with the rat and pigeon carcasses that fall from Pale Male's nest? They'll have to count the cleanup as just another cost of living along America's poshest avenue.

A third answer comes from sociology. To modern mankind, there's something deeply appealing about the juxtaposition of the organic and inorganic. The idea that a feathered friend could find a home amid stone and steel - well, that's heartening.

Moreover, there's what might be called the "Batman-Spiderman Syndrome." Part of the fascination with those superhero characters is the sense that they're misunderstood by their fellow humans, and so must retreat into their animal-like disguises. When we see these comic-book avatars in their stereo typical pose, they are gazing out over the cold city from atop a skyscraper.

What human can't relate to such isolation and alienation? So Pale Male is the perfect urban companion. Aloof and alone as he soars overhead, he is forever roaming, a symbol for all those who feel hungry in their heart and restless in their spirit.

James Pinkerton is a Newsday columnist

Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



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Controversial street

CO LONGMONT — The City Council will rename Chivington Drive after protests that the street honors Col. John Chivington, who is blamed for the slaughter of more than 150 Indians in the Sand Creek Massacre of 1864.

"Longmont set a historic precedent tonight," activist Glem Spagnuolo said after the 6-1 vote Tuesday. "Tve never been so proud of my city and City Council. It was racist and insensitive to the Native American community."

Militiamen under Chivington's command launched an unprovoked attack on a Cheyenne and Arapahoe encampment on Sand Creek about 160 miles southeast of Denver. Most of the dead were elderly men, women and children.

Mayor Julia Pirnack said she was not convinced the street was named after the colonel, but she said she supported the change to end the years-long debate.

Baby-biting charge

BATAVIA — A Batavia man accused of biting his 3-month-old son because the infant wouldn't stop crying has been charged with felony assault.

Michael Bennett, 23, was indict-

Michael Bennett, 23, was indicted on two counts of second-degree assault by a Genesee County grand jury. He was arrested Nov. 18 after taking his son to a Batavia hospital for treatment of bruises to his cheek, which he suffered two days earlier when he was allegedly bitten by his father, police salter, by the sufference when he was allegedly bitten by his father, police salter.

Family members contacted the Genesee County Department of Social Services after seeing the bruises. County officials then notified police. Bennett faces up to seven years in state prison.

Tainted cafeteria food

JOLIET — Will County officials dropped criminal charges against two employees of the state Board of Education accused of allowing tainted food to be served to schoolchildren.

Officials said the state code didn't compel Mark Haller and Katherine Keylor to take action. The two, who worked in Springfield, were responsible for the state's school lunch program.

Woman, car under ice

PA PORTERSVILLE — Divers searching a frozen lake found the body of a 55-year-old woman who apparently had been driving in circles on the ice and may have been lost, officials said.

The body of Betty L. Martof was found in a car submerged in 12 feet of water in Moraine State Park's Lake Arthur on Tuesday, one day after park officials reported vehicle tracks leading to a hole in the ice.

Authorities believe she drove onto a snowmbile trail that led onto the lake and then drove on the ice for about a half-mile, making tracks in tight circles, before the ice broke.

Christmas Eve layoffs

DETROIT — Union officials criticized Detroit Public Schools for sending layoff notices to hundreds of teachers on Christmas Eve.

The layoffs affect 372 low-senior-



ity teachers who are assigned to subjects without teacher shortages. The cuts, effective Feb. 25, are expected to save the district about \$8 million, a schools spokesman

Very young voters

NH LEBANON — Hoping to make government more meaningful to young people, a state lawmaker is working a bill to allow teenagers as young as 14 to vote in municipal elections.

State Rep. Susan Almy, D-Lebanon, wants to give towns and cities the option of providing partial votes to teenagers. Under her plan, 14- and 15-year-olds would get a quarter-vote each, while teens who are 16 and 17 would get a half-vote

apiece.

Lebanon High School teacher
Andrew Gamble suggested the
idea to Almy after hearing about efforts by a California state senator
to create a similar "fractional voting" system for state and local elec-

Honesty pays off

MO ST. LOUIS — After briefly considering keeping \$21,500 he found in a shopping cart at work, 17-year-old Jeff Ait-ken fought the temptation and reunited the cash with its rightful owner.

That honesty this month made

That honesty this month made his mother mighty proud, though she couldn't communicate it well.



Don't flinch

Zac Archuleta, bottom, closes his eyes as his friend Brian Cotner jumps over him at the skate park in Nampa, Idaho, as they enjoy Christmas vacation. For the past three years, Lou Gehrig's disease had robbed 53-year-old Bev Aitken of her ability to speak. So when she lost her fight the day after the Christmas, Bev Aitken left feeling quite rich about her

son's conscience, relatives say.
"I think it gave her hope that everything was going to be OK once she left," Jeff's 20-year-old sister, Jen, said Tuesday from the family's home in Overland, a St. Louis suburb.

Overland, a St. Louis suburn.

Jeff Aitken's life — and that of his family — could have taken a different path Dec. 11, when he spotted a bag full of \$100 bills in a cart at a Schnucks supermarket at the end of bis shift

All told, the bag held \$21,500 — cash Aitken knew could have had many uses, including covering some of the family's health-care costs.

Aitken admitted that the thought

of pocketing the money crossed his mind. The only identification with the cash was a check made out to Aladdin Wireless. He took the money to police two

He took the money to police two days later as businessman Kamal Abusharbain, having just reported losing the loot, was leaving the sta-

tion.

Recognizing the bag, Abusharbain hugged the teen and gave him a \$2,000 reward, a new cell phone and a job offer at a business where Aitken can learn how to sell and fix wireless phones.

Minimum-wage hike

WA TUMWATER — The state minimum hourly wage will increase by 19 cents Saturday to \$7.35, maintaining Washington as the state with the highest minmum wage in the country, said Department of Labor and Industries spokesman Ron Langley.

Washington is one of three states, along with Oregon and Florida, that have voter mandates to automatically adjust the minimum wage each year. The federal minimum is \$5.15 an hour.

Illegal dribble

MA SPRINGFIELD — There's some unwanted dribbling going on at the Basketball Hall of Fame.

City officials say the \$109 million dome-shaped building has sprung some leaks since it was built about two years ago. The Naismith Memorial Basket-

The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, along with its parking garage and 18.5-acre site, are owned by the city. The property is rented to the hall in a 99-year

The state put up \$42.5 million for the museum's construction, and about \$80,000 of that is left, said city economic developer Thomas McColgan. He expects the remaining money to cover repair costs.

High marks

MURFREESBORO — Officials at the state's largest undergraduate university say about 60 percent of lottery scholarship recipients did well enough in their first semester to keep the stipend. Middle Tennessee State University officials say nearly 1,200 scholarship students achieved grade point averages of 3.0 or higher.



Out of control Jaymie 9 going on Hesperus Ski Resort in Hesperus, Colo.

Jaymie Sanders loses his balance after going over a bump at the



Sewing up their entry Volunteer Laura Noguchi works to complete the city of Alhambra's Rose Parade float entry titled "The Proud Americans" in Pasadena. Calif.



Just hangin' out
Azy, a 27-year-old male orangutan, enjoys an unseasonably warm day and a piece of pineapple at Great Ape Trust of lowa in Des Moines.



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They'll make you flip Grapevine (Texas) High School won first place in the large intermediate varsity division at the National Cheerleaders Association's national championship at the Dallas Convention Center.



Walter Hurst, right, puts his order Horsing around for a six-pack through the drive-thru window of Sun Valley Package and Liquor in Sun Valley, Texas while Mark Lindsey, left, and Mike Hoskins, center, look on.



Mouse protection Mary Cochran, of Reno, Nev., walks home on West Second Street in downtown Reno. Nev., during a light snowstorm



Todd Maas carries his kayak from the Tracyton Boat launch up to his truck after a Scenic outing morning of kayaking in Dyes Inlet in Bremerton, Wash.

Heartless thieves

TX ALVIN — Thieves broke into a southeast Texas storage unit and took about \$10,000 worth of about 400 ready-wrapped presents a charity planned to give to poor families next Christmas, police say.

"When I saw that everything was gone I was devastated," said Carolyn Ewing, head of Manv-el-based Project Love — Santa's Angels.

"I became hysterical. ... I just feel violated."

Alvin Police Chief Mike Merkel said investigators are trying to determine if the break-in was linked to two other burglaries of other units at the same Alvin storage facility earlier in December.

Guns in school

VT ESSEX — An Essex High School sophomore accused of taking a handgun to school allegedly did the same thing several times before he was caught earlier this month, police said.

The discovery of the unloaded gun was found in the high school, police said, but school records indicate it was the fourth report of a weapon in the school since September.

Essex Police Capt. Leo Nadeau said interviews with high school students and parents revealed that the 15-year-old boy took the .45-caliber Glock handgun into school at least two times the week before the weapon was discovered.

The student will face two charges in his juvenile court legal proceedings.

2 charged in cat killing

IN EVANSVILLE — Two Wal-Mart employees who police say followed a manager's orders to shoot and kill a stray cat have been charged with federal animal cruelty.

The men, both assistant managers at the Supercenter, were arrested and released after a court anpearance.

Christopher Anderson, 29, and Jeffrey Hardin, 21, told police the store's manager ordered them to get rid of the animal that was living in a storage trailer behind their store.

All managers potentially in-volved in the incident have been suspended without pay pending an internal investigation and could be fired, said Wal-Mart spokeswoman Sharon Weber

Museum theft

CA DAGGETT — Skilled burglars looted a Mojave Desert museum of its most prized possessions, including antique dolls and Native American artifacts on loan from local families.

The thieves made sure an alarm system was disabled before clearing out the glass display cases in the Daggett Museum, said curator Reryl Rell, who discovered the loss. es when she went to feed her goldfish on Christmas Day.

"This appeared to be a very neat operation and it appeared they had a shopping list," she said.

Long-lost photos found

AL BIRMINGHAM search through the files of an Anniston law firm turned up long-lost photos of the burning of a bus carrying Freedom Riders through east Alabama in 1961. The 40 photographs depicting the arson of a Greyhound bus in Anniston were donated to the Rirming. ham Civil Rights Institute, which has an archive of photos and stories from the era

Raise raises eyebrows

DE DOVER — Lt. Gov. John Carney agrees with critics who say a 56 percent pay raise recommended by the Delaware Compensation Commission is "too much." The hike of more than \$36,000 would bring Carney's salary to \$101,588. That's more than 20 states pay their governors. Under state law, the raise will automatically take effect unless rejected out-

right by the General Assembly. Snow fund sought

INDIANAPOLIS — Gov. Joe Kernan asked President Bush to declare a snow emergency for 50 Indiana counties that would make them eligible for federal assistance. A storm last week pounded much of southern and central Indiana with two feet or more of snow.

The money would reimburse local and state agencies for 75 percent of the costs associated with snow removal and rescue efforts over 48 hours.

Pumped-up prices

OR VENETA — The City Council voted to pass a local gas tax. It will raise money to fix decaying roads and reduce a total of about \$3.6 million in deferred maintenance. Veneta becomes the most recent of a dozen cities to embrace a gas tax. Veneta's three-cent-a-gallon tax is expected to generate about \$45,000 a year, said City Administrator Ric Ingham.

Charters harder to get

MN ROSEVILLE — People who want to start state charter schools will now face stricter requirements by the state Department of Education. Potential sponsors and charter school board members will be required to receive extensive training before submitting an application. The department also will require ongoing training.

Hawks back at home NY NEW YORK —

red-tailed hawks whose temporary eviction from the ledge of a luxury apartment building sparked angry protests were seen roosting in their restored nesting area, the New York Audubon Soci-Scaffolding that was used to in-

stall a new specially designed nest was removed Tuesday, and Pale Male and Lola were spotted sitting in the Manhattan structure at about noon, the organization said on its Web site. They were then

seen taking twigs to the nest. The hawks' original nest, which had been on a 12th-floor window ledge of the building on Fifth Avenue and 74th Street since 1993, was taken down on Dec. 7 after residents of the building complained it was a health and safety hazard.

For a week after the birds were evicted, bird-lovers gathered outside the building, which counts actress Mary Tyler Moore and CNN anchor Paula Zahn among its residents.

Stories and photos from The Associated

No room for hesitating: File now for financial aid

New year brings fast-approaching deadlines

BY EILEEN AMBROSE

The Baltimore Sun

For households with college-bound students, January will seem more like the hectic days lead-ing to April 15, with parents scrambling to get their income and tax information together as they

begin the financial aid process.

Jan. 1 is the first day that families can submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, the form that's used to determine what federal aid a college student will receive for the upcoming aca-

demic year. States and many private schools also use the FAFSA for dishing out aid. Even if students and their parents don't think they will be eligible for aid, they should fill out the

form, experts said. Financial aid formulas are complicated, and it's difficult for families to know whether they wil

qualify or not. Half of undergraduates — or 8 million students — in the 1999-2000 academic year failed to apply for aid. As many as 850,000 of those would have been eligible for a Pell Grant that's designed to help low- to moderate-income students, according to a recently released survey by the American Council on Education.

Tuition, fees, room and board at a four-year public institution this year averaged \$11,354, or 7.8 percent up over last year, according to the College Board. At a private four-year school, the price tag was \$27,516, a 5.6 percent increase.

The first thing is not to get overwhelmed," said Ellen Frishberg, director of student financial services for the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. "A lot of Americans have a fear of forms."

The next step is to check out the deadlines, be

cause meeting them is critical. The federal government will process FAFSA forms submitted for the 2005-2006 academic year up until June 30, 2006, but schools and states have their own deadlines for awarding aid that are much earlier than that.

Schools may require the FAFSA to be sent in as

early as late January or mid-February.

"Don't let the fact that filling out the FAFSA is a daunting task get in the way of starting early. The procrastinator does lose out in the process," said Mark Brenner, president of College Loan Corp., a

tudent loan provider based in San Diego.

Once you know the deadlines, get organized. Collect bank statements, investment records, W-2 forms and other financial documents. It's helpful to have 2004 federal tax returns because a lot of the information requested on the FAFSA is on the tay form

But with some deadlines so early, parents some-times must file the FAFSA before they have had time to prepare their tax returns. If you submit the FAFSA before filing taxes, you can reconstruct your income using the last paycheck stub for the year or last year's tax return, experts said.

You don't need to use the exact figure from the 1040. It's a good idea to be as close as possible. You will have an opportunity to correct errors later," said Mark Kantrowitz, publisher of FinAid, an online source for financial aid information

You can submit a paper FAFSA form, but experts advise filling out the form online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The computer system is likely ag errors so families can immediately correct mistakes and online forms can be processed faster. By the time a paper form is returned to parents and students for corrections and sent back sible the family might miss a crucial deadline

Question mark less trouble than it looks

Ask Jim

puter there is a red question mark in the lower-right corner. When I put the cursor on it, it says "Launch Motive Chorus Service

Request." There is a pop-up box with Open or Close options. When I click on Open, I get "Motive Chorus client has encountered a network error. Check the status of the network and try

I don't know what this is, and I don't know how to get rid of it. I've run virus scan, Spybot and Adaware. All

indicate there is no prob-- George Hill @yahoo.com



Your computer runs this program at startup, but the software can no longer find the network where it once was used so you get those error and warning messages

You have two choices. The first, which I guess I should recom-mend, is just to live with the red question mark. It doesn't do anything else in your computer or interfere with your activities.

If you want to take a stab at earch and destroy, you need to find if it is being started automati-

startup tools.

A Startup folder can be used to hold icons of stuff you want to run

on bootup. So right-click on Start
and pick Explore and then open the Programs folder you will see when the Windows Explorer

file management module runs. There you will see a list of folders, including Startup.

Open it, and if you see the icon for HP's soft-ware just delete it.

A second place to find things that run at bootup is by going to the Mi-crosoft Configuration program in Windows

Click on Start and then Run and type in msconfig and click OK. In the menu this creates you will find a tab called Startup. Open it and look for Motive Chorus there, probably in abbreviated form. Look for stuff with "hp" in it.

If you find it, just remove the checkbox beside that entry and close the box and reboot the com-

If that fails, the fix would be to go fishing in the Windows registry file and I'd advise against that. because messing with the registry can cause far worse trouble than an innocuous red question mark in the corner of one's

contact Jim Coates via e-mail at jocates@tribune.com or via snail mail at the Chicago Tribune. Room 400, 435 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago II. 66611. Ques-tions can be answered only through this column. Add your point of view at www.chicagotribune.com/askjim.

FRIDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

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Alliant Technosystem		16	65.38	04	+13.2					
Armor Holdings		31	47.02	-53	+78.7					
Boeing	1.00	15	51.77	13	+22.9					
Computer Sciences		19	56.37	09	+27.4					
Engineered Sup Sys	.07	22	59.22	- 28	+7.6					
General Dynamics	1.44	18	104,60	33	+15.7					
General Flectric	.88	24	36.50	-10	+17.8					
Halliburton	.50		39.24	03	+50.9					
Harris Corp.	.48	28	61.79	10	+62.8					
Allied Signal	.83	21	35.41	+.01	+5.9					
L-3 Communications	.40	22	73.24	11	+42.6					
Lockheed Martin	1.00	20	55.55	05	+8.1					
NorthroG s	.92	19	54.36	40	+13.7					
Raytheon	.80	44	38.83	+.06	+29.3					
Rockwell Intl.	.66	23	49.55	+.30	+39.2					
Segua Corp.		37	61.15	76	+24.8					
Texas Instruments	.10	23	24.62	+.17	-16.2					
Textron Inc.	1.40	32	73.80	+.30	+29.3					
United Technologies	1.40	19	103.35	41	+9.1					



EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates									
Japanese yen (Jan. 3)101.00)								
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bank rates provided for reference when									
buving currency. All figures are foreign									
currencies to one dollar, except for the									

PRECIOUS METALS

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate5.2	,
Discount rate3.2	2
Federal funds market rate2.312	2
3-month bill2.2	
30-year bond4.8	3
Sources: The Associated Press, Bank	C

ents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

Solicitations from charities

CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK - Solicitations from charities come in many forms — e-mail, letters, phone calls or a person at your door. Here are some tips to sort out the requests and ensure your do nation goes to a legitimate chariot a scam artist.

Telephone solicitations: Don't pledge a donation over the phone, advises the Federal Trade Commission Instead ask that the charity mail informa tion to you about its programs and practices.

the telephone solicitor claims that the charity will sup port local organizations, call those organizations to verify

Never provide your bank or credit card information over the

Make your donation via a mailed check instead — once you've checked out the charity thoroughly.

Mail or e-mail solicitations: By law, you aren't required to pay for any gift sent as an entice-ment to donate, reports the Council of Better Business Bu-

Donation requests sent in the form of invoices or bills should

be reported to your local BBB.

Mailed information about a charity should give you specific details about the charity's programs and how its operations are run. Avoid donating to programs that are heavy on heart-felt appeal, but lack basic details about the charity and its pro-

In-person solicitations: Ask to see the solicitor's personal identification

Get literature about the charitv. as well as its full mailing ad-

Ask questions. charity representatives should be knowledgeable about the charity's programs and practic-es and will be happy to answer your questions.

If you're asked to buy items to benefit a charity, find out what the charity's share would be.

Don't donate if the solicitor uses pressure tactics — defined by the BBB as intimidation, threats or repeated visits. If you decide to donate, write a check to the charity — not the solicitor.

MOVIES

• SPORTS

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	J	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30
6	AFN-P	•ESPNews	AFN Evening News	60 Minutes (CC)		Without a Trace "A boy is abducted in b street in Spanish Ha	Tree Falls' A Latino groad daylight from a arlem. (CC)	24 "Day 3: 8:00 AM gains the upper han	- 9:00 AM* CTU id. (CC)	Pacific Report	The Tonight Show	(CC)	Late Show (CC)
7	AFN-ATL	(5:46) Oprah Win- frey (CC)	(:35) Guiding Light	(CC)	(:17) General Hos- pital (CC)	Headline News	Judge Judy (CC)	Today Amber Frey.	(CC)			Aladdin (CC)	ChalkZone (EI) (CC)
8	NEWS	Bulls and Bears	Cavuto on Busi- ness (CC)	Fox and Friends	pital (00)	Dateline NBC (CC)		Fox and Friends		Fox and Friends		American Morning	
9	SPORTS		sketball Arizona at A	Arizona State. (Live)	SportsCenter	ı		College Basketba	III Wake Forest at Vir	ginia. (Live)		College Basketball Clemson at Duk (Live)	
10	SPEC	The Simpsons Maggie takes a shine to Moe.	Everybody Loves Raymond Run-in with an ex. (CC)	Dateline NBC Previor Princess Diana s about her life. (Part	peaking candidly	Dateline NBC Previor Princess Diana s about her life. (Part	peaking candidly	American Hot Rod crew has to get into the Alumatub in time	high gear to finish	Friends Ross asks Phoebe for roman- tic advice.	Seinfeld Jerry's parents come for a visit. (CC)	Seinfeld The police pick up Jerry and George. (CC)	Blind Date (CC)
		Fairly Oddparents			Taina	Smallville "Crush" (Boy Meets World		Home Improve.	Touched by an An	
	AFN-MOV								st Battalion" (2001)			★★% "Passenger 5	
14	тмс	 ta, Elisabeth Shue. A Japanese handyman teaches a teenager to defend himself. 'PG' (CC) 			er to defend himself.	** * "Bugsy" (1991, Drama) Warren Beatty, Annette Bening, Harvey Keitel. Osci gangster Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel. 'R' (CC) Antiques Roadshow Sheet music and American Experience "Miss America" Ti					Oldman, Robert Du fair with a minister.	vall. A married Purita R' (CC)	n woman has an af-
24	PBS	Building a special treehouse. (EI)	(CC) (DVS)	(CC)		personal items of ja Johnson. (Part 2 of	zz pianist James P. 3) (CC)	(CC) (DVS)		•		Charlie Rose Paul	
25	SHOW	(CC)	other Day" (2002, Ar and and an American			artist finds refuge in	1995, Comedy) Sinb the home of a subur	ban family. 'PG'		Washington, D.C. 'R			(:45) ** "Jack- ass: The Movie" (2002) 'R' (CC)
27		is found outside a S (CC)		ping" The 1963 kidn Sinatra Jr. (CC)	apping of Frank	fraternity grows from into a violent gang.		Gotti models on the catwalk. (CC)	Growing Up Gotti The boys go camp- ing. (CC)	er; drunk pulled from flight.	Airline Comic Ron Pearson flies to Las Vegas. (N)	suspects a detective murder of a witness	Wild Card' Jordan played a role in the . (CC)
28	DISC	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced		Age of Terror		To Be Announced		To Be Announced	
29	TFC	Game Ka Na Ba?	Star Circle Quest	Tanging Ina		(:05) Insider	The Corresponden	ts	Kumikitang Kabuh Ayan	Morning Star	(:40) Masayang Tar	nghali Bayan	
30	CNN-I	Larry King Weeken			•World Sport	Business Internati		Asia Tonight	World Sport	CNNI World News	•World Sport	Biz Asia	Business Interna- tional
31	GOLF	•(4:30) European F championship Fin	al Round.	•What's in the Bag?	Academy		From the Pros	Playing Lessons From the Pros	From the Pros	Playing Lessons From the Pros	•What's in the Bag?	Golf Channel Academy	Playing Lessons From the Pros
32	TLC	What Not to Wear * ly's style. (CC)		10 Years Younger Felicia gets a makeover. (N)	10 Years Younger Teacher's transfor- mation. (N)	Best of What Not t		What Not to Wear ' ly's style. (CC)	Kelly" Updating Kel-	10 Years Younger Felicia gets a makeover.	10 Years Younger Teacher's transfor- mation.	In a Fix "Martial Aw garage. (CC)	e" Fixing up a
34	TOON		Dexter's Laborato- ry	Next Door	_	·	Cartoon Cartoon C		Looney Tunes	I Am Weasel	City	Detective Squad	
35	ANPL	Growing Up "Pen (N)	guin' Penguin chick.	rage" Neglected dog	gs. (CC)	mini-horse; bird who			guin" Penguin chick.	rage" Neglected dog		Most Extreme "Dar down the top 10 ani	mal daredevils. (CC)
36	СОМ	Days and 40	South Park Cart- man family cele- brates holiday.	Blue Collar TV A country singer; fishing trip. (CC)	Reno 911! The deputies go under- cover. (CC)	Comedy Central's past year. (CC)	Last Laugh '04 Com	ics reflect on the	Blue Collar TV A country singer ; fishing trip. (CC)	Reno 911! The deputies go under- cover. (CC)	Mad TV (CC)	USO Comedy Tour McGuire Air Force Base. (CC)	
40	NGC-A	Planet Wild	Wildlife Detectives Protecting animals.	Snake Wranglers Apalachicola king snake.	Croc Chronicles "The Morelet's Last Refuge"	Chimps: The Dark panzee's and what tack humans.	Side Wild chim- compells them to at-	National Geograph for Afghan resistance Shah Massoud.	ic Explorer Search se leader Ahmed	National Geograph ing With the Dead: \	ic Specials "Deal- /ulture"	Totally Wild "Sharks, Snakes & Cute Stuff Too"	Totally Wild South American cen- tipedes hunt.
42	SPIKE	•WWE Raw Schedu	uled: a look back at 2	004's best matches.	(CC)					Blind Date (CC)	Blind Date (CC)	Maximum Exposure	
43	FOX	Remington Steele Steele" Laura helps tor who is accused of	an unemployed ac- of murder, (CC)	St. Elsewhere "Hon asks Clancy to live holds incriminating	with him; Fiscus	The Swan (Season Finale) The winning contestants compete i who will be crowned "The Swan." (N) (CC)			in a pageant to see	The Fox Report Wi (CC)	th Shepard Smith	The Bob Newhart Show "Emily Hits the Ceiling"	The Bob Newhart Show The office ceiling collapses.
44	BET	(5:00) ** "Prison : ma) Mary J. Blige, C	Song" (2001, Dra- I-Tip, Fat Joe.	The Parkers (CC)		BET Nightly News (CC)	sic	Midnight Love Mel blues.	low rhythm and	Club Comic View		106 & Park: BET's	Top 10 Live
46	COURT	NYPD Blue "Tea an detectives help in th sadistic rapist-murde	d Sympathy" British e stakeout of a	Cops Raid on a suspected drug house. (CC)	Cops A drug sup- plier is arrested. (CC)	The Investigators ' Line' Unsolvable ca	Inside the Yellow ses.	Forensic Files	Forensic Files "Plastic Fire" Car fire death probed.	Psychic Detec- tives	I, Detective	House of Clues Omarosa Mani- gault-Stallworth.	Fake Out
48	STR-WLD	The Simpsons (CC)	The Drew Carey Show (CC)	Star News Focus Asia	Friends (CC)	That '70s Show (CC)	Everybody Loves Raymond (CC)	Grounded for Life (CC)	Becker (CC)	To Be Announced		Friends (CC)	That '70s Show (CC)
50	LIFE	"The Angel Doll" (2 Premiere. Two boys	2000, Drama) Keith (try to get a present f	Carradine, Diana Sca or a sick girl. (CC)	rwid, Betsy Brantley.	How Clean Is Your House? (N) (CC)	How Clean Is Your House? (CC)	The Nanny "The Bobbie Flekman Story" (CC)	The Golden Girls Blanche dates a younger man.	Providence Syd do make of Kyle's prop the Grand Canyon.	osition to head to	Suddenly Susan Susan tries to con- sole Luis. (CC)	Paid Program
51	ABCFAM	(5:00) ** "Three D Davis. An angel lets days before his wife	lays" (2001) Kristin a man relive the 's death. (CC)	Whose Line Is It Anyway? (CC)	Whose Line Is It Anyway? "Ques- tions Only." (CC)	The 700 Club Musi about instruments u (CC)	sed in the past. (N)	Family Matters Steve is alone for Christmas. (CC)	Family Matters Steve gets a make- over. (CC)	Paid Program	Paid Program	The 700 Club Musi about instruments u (CC)	cian John Doan talks sed in the past. (N)
53		Battlefield Detectiv Gettysburg" Exhaus the outcome at Gett	es "The Civil War: tion plays a part in	Investigating Histo Murdered?" Investig exiled Napoleon Bo	ry "Was Napoleon ating the death of	Conspiracy? "CIA Nazis helped the Ur Soviet Union. (CC)		Battlefield Detective Antietam" The Battle 23,000 casualties in	of Antietam reaped	Battlefield Detectiv Gettysburg" Exhaus the outcome at Gett	tion plays a part in	Investigating Histo Murdered?" Investig exiled Napoleon Bo	ry "Was Napoleon ating the death of naparte. (CC)
57	STR-MV	(5:30) Movie		(:15) Movie				Movie				(:15) Movie	
58	ADV 1	Chasing Time Ex- ploring Sydney, Australia	Game for It	Total Adventure "Canyoning Bor- neo" Low's Gully.	Crashing in the Hir struggle together the the Nepalese Himal	rough their hike into	•X Power		Game for It	•Adventure Planet	Chasing Time Ex- ploring Sydney, Australia	Next Wave 'Hurri- cane' Hurricane Iris	Total Adventure Kayaker Guy Baker.
59	MTV	Real World Road Rules Chal-	Real World Road Rules Chal- lenge (CC)	Real World Road Rules Chal- lenge (N) (CC)	Battle for Ozzfest		Viva La Bam	Boiling Points	Boiling Points	Room Raiders	Room Raiders	Boiling Points	Boiling Points
60	NICK	Juice "Rugrats/Sponge- Bob SquarePants"	Juice "The Wild Thornberrys"	Juice "CatDog/The Angry Beavers"		Rugrats Angelica makes Santa quit. (El) (CC)	SpongeBob SquarePants (CC)	All That	Even Stevens (CC)	The Brothers Gar- cia (CC)	Cousin Skeeter (CC)	Figure It Out	Legends of the Hidden Temple

JAPAN TV

Morning

Morning
7:00 The 81st Hakone Ekiden (marathon relay)(4)
10:00 Classical Music: 2005 New Year Concert at Vienna Festival Hall (conductor: Lorin Maazel)(1)(r)

Lorin Maazel(1)(r) Afternoon 12:05 Japan Senior High School Soccer (42) 12:30 2005 New Year Golf (12) 2:00 Japan Football: Rise Bowl - Industrial League Champion vs. College Champion (3)

(3) 2:20 Japan Senior High School Soccer (4) Evening 6:00 News (6)

7:00 News (1)

7:00 Classical Music: 2005 New Year Concert at Vienna Festival Hall (conductor: Lorin Maaze)(3)(r) 8:54 Pro Boxing: WBC Superflywieght Cham-

pionship — Katsushige Kawashima vs. Jose Navarro/WBA Flyweight Champion-ship — Lorenzo Parra vs. Trash Nakanu-ma (12) 10:00 Nikita (42)

1:20 John Lennon Music Festival 2004 (1) 1:44 Japan Senior High School Soccer High-lights (4)

lights (4)
1:45 U.S.-Italian-German-Holland Movie (2002): Julius Caesar (3:33)(6)
1:55 Holland-U.S. Movie (1999): Do Not Disturb! (1:55)(12)

urb: (1:50/12) 2:00 Ancient Monuments: Troy/Peru (3)(r) 2:29 U.S. Movie (2000): Ready to Rumble (4 3:50 U.S. Movie (1999): Stigmata (1:55)(12) wowow

Morning 7:50 U.S. Movie (1986): The Color of Money (2:02)

12:30 Korean Movie (2003): The Classic (2:16) Evening 10:10 U.S. Movie (2002): Barbershop (1:50) 12:00 U.S. Movie (2002): 50 Greatest TV Ani-mals of All Time (1:30)

JAPAN TV-BS7

6:10 Figure Skating GP Series Highlights: Rus-sia — Men's Singles sia — Men's Singles 7:10 Figure Skating GP Series Highlights: Rus-sia — Ladies' Singles 8:10 World News 9:15 World News 11:50 CNN News

11:50 CNN News Afternoon 12:10 Figure Skating GP Series Highlights: GP Final — Men's Singles 1:10 Figure Skating GP Series Highlights: GP Final — Ice Dancing 2:10 Figure Skating GP Series Highlights: GP Final — Palirs

4:10 World News

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Evening
11:50 CNN News
12:10 NFL: Miami Dolphins vs. Baltimore
Ravens
3:10 Asian News 4:10 Asian News

JAPAN TV-BS11

Evening 7:00 NHK News

12:50 Overseas Drama: Hornblower: The Duchess & The Devil (3/4)(r)

MTV

6:00 Wake Up!

7:00 M Size Friday 8:00 Top Choice

10:00 Pure Music 11:00 Top Choice Afternoon 12:00 Rocks 1:00 Classic

1:00 Classic 1:30 Top Choice 2:00 Pure Music 3:00 Top Choice

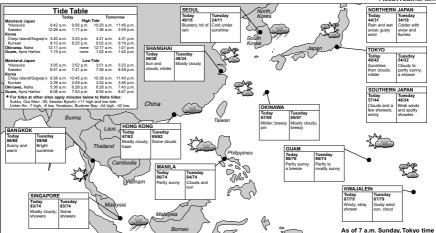
3:00 Top Choice Evening 6:00 M Size Monday 7:00 U.S. Top 20 with Super Dry 9:00 Biography: EXILE 9:30 Top Choice

10:00 Rocks 11:00 Live: The Music 11:30 Live: KELIS

12:00 Classic '90s 1:00 M Size Monday 2:00 Making the Video: Usher feat. Lil' Jon 2:30 Check the Rhyme 3:00 Fresh 3:30 After Hours

第3種郵便物認可 The Pacific Forecast

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Extended Forecasts

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, high 38, low 29. Thursday: Periods of clouds and

sunshine high 44, low 38

KADENA

Wednesday: Partly sunny, high 67, low 57. Thursday: Periods of clouds and sunshine high 71, low 61.

SEOUL

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, high 30, low 16. Thursday: Snow, high 34, low 16.

MANILA

Wednesday: Showers, high 82, low 72. Thursday: Periods of clouds and sunshine high 86, low 74

HAGATNA

Wednesday: Partly sunny, high 86, low 76. Thursday: Periods of clouds and sunshine bigh 86 low 76

Saturday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/I OW	CITY	HIGH/I OW
	56/36		
Albuquerque		Los Angeles	60/45
Amarillo	65/37	Little Rock	64/56
Anchorage	25/23	Louisville	61/55
Asheville	67/44	Miami	79/68
Baltimore	68/38	Milwaukee	36/34
Birmingham	71/52	Nashville	70/53
Bismarck	8/-5	New York	59/32
Boise	39/28	Omaha	45/22
Boston	56/25	Orlando	80/56
Brownsville	81/67	Philadelphia	65/36
Buffalo	38/27	Phoenix	68/50
Burlington	41/10	Pittsburgh	55/42
Charleston, S		Portland, OR	42/32
Charlotte	71/46	Portland, ME	52/15
Cleveland	45/38	Salt Lake City	41/26
Columbus, OF	1 51/46	St. Louis	59/54
Duluth	21/13	San Antonio	75/63
El Paso	65/44	San Diego	62/48
Hartford	54/22	San Juan	82/72
Helena	15/-4	Tampa	80/60
Indianapolis	51/49	Tulsa	69/55
Jacksonville	73/54	Washington	70/40
Kansas City	59/43	Wichita	65/47



U.S. Extended Forecast

Stormy weather will remain a problem across the West Monday and Tuesday. A large storm will spin southward across Southern California and the Southwest. Rain will soak waterlogged sections of California and western Arizona. Snow will continue to pile up in the Sierra. Meanwhile, unsettled weather affect the Midwest and Ohio Valley during the period. A storm will spread rain across Missouri. Kentucky. Ohio and Tennessee. Thunderstorms will accompany the rain across parts of the Tennessee and lower Mississippi valleys. Farther north, the rain will change to ice and snow across lowa. Michigan and Wisconsin. Icy conditions may make travel difficult across the region Monday night and Tuesday.

Mo

ond	ay's Pacific	Temperat	ures				Monday	/'s Worl	d Temp	eratures	
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Bangkok	86/66	lwakuni	54/41	Sasebo NB	57/44	Acapulco	92/74	Budapest	32/25	Kabul	42/15	Nairobi	83/56
Beijing	34/13	Kadena AB	67/59	Sapporo	44/31	Athens	51/35	Buenos Aires	88/70	Kiev	25/15	New Delhi	70/41
Camp Casey	40/14	Kunsan AB	46/28	Seoul	40/16	Auckland	72/58	Cairo	63/43	Kuwait	75/46	Oslo	33/26
Christchurch	71/52	Kwajalein	87/79	Shanghai	56/38	Baghdad	64/41	Cancun	84/72	London	45/41	Paris	38/34
Diego Garcia	86/78	Manila	86/74	Singapore	83/74	Barbados	84/67	Cape Town	79/59	Madrid	50/36	Rio de Janeiro	80/68
Hagatna	86/76	Misawa AB	42/31	Sydney	83/62	Barcelona	48/37	Geneva	31/29	Mexico City	72/48	Rome	46/32
Hanoi	70/59	Osan	41/17	Taegu	51/28	Berlin	33/31	Istanbul	41/27	Montreal	38/13	St. Petersburg	28/17
Hong Kong	67/62	Perth	81/63	Taipei	73/60	Bermuda	68/59	Jerusalem	57/41	Mogadishu	90/74	Stockholm	32/25
Honolulu	81/66	Pusan	53/33	Tokyo	49/42	Brussels	38/33	Johannesburg	85/63	Moscow	25/13	Warsaw	31/23



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STARS STRIPES.

Horoscope

Venus and Pluto join forces to produce the kind of dynamic that makes young single men run screaming. Questions like "Where is this relationship headed?" and "Do you really love me?" suddenly seem like a good idea. At least the Libra moon is shedding a favorable light on relationships. Anything worth doing is worth doing with one you like high productions and the production of the produc

with one you like.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY
(January 3). A year of pleasant surprises is in store! Any difficulties you encounter will be easily

store: Any difficulties you encounter will be easily conquered if you tell not our powerful warrior spirit and speak your truth. A creative project planted in February flowers in August. A chance for career advancement emerges in March if you remain true to yourself. Love signs are Scorpio and Aquarities.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You experience a lightning flash of

You experience a lightning flash of insight pertaining to a creative dilemma or a stress-related health problem. Consult your intuition and inner wisdom to plan your strategy. Envision victory, and then, fight the hattle

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Give serious thought to what you

really and truly need in the way of a deeply committed relationship, which can be quite different from what you want. The stars help you reject that which limits or diminishes your personal power.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Focus on those people or things to which you are most devoted and committed. Doing so makes you feel safe and conflident in your abilities. You'll cleverly discover a creative

solution to an old problem

CANCER (June 22-July 22). An unexpected snafu arises, calling for you to draw upon your inner well of strength. Insist on being treated as an equal. You may need to let go of your stranglehold on an untenable

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Be ready to seize an advantage no matter what circumstance life throws at you. When your mind is an opportunity-seeking mechanism, you can transform a potentially displeasing

scenario into something useful. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Pummel a health issue before it gets

the better of you. Survey your home and office for dust and mold. You may want to purchase a water purifier or air filter. You have to feel physically in the pink before you

can feel romantic.

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LIBRA (Sept.

23-Oct. 23). A business venture that's been delayed finally gets the green light — but it is best to learn the motivations of others before entering into an alliance. Research will show you

how willing to compromise you should really be.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Indulge your desire to lie low and mult things over. You can make that critical decision later. Avoid people or situations that cause you to go against your femininity (if you're female) or masculinity (if you're

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Social awkwardness happens to everyone from time to time. The true cause of this disturbance is buried in your subconscious. Once

you know the trigger, you can choose to react differently. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). Even a no-nonsense, analytical goat like you can benefit from exploring the outer limits of your warm and fuzzy side. Lead with your intuition and spirituality. Your thoughts affed your future and the people around you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

You're the unifying element in an otherwise disjointed group. Using inclusive language with others such as "we" and "our" fosters feelings of team spirit and universal compassion — much needed right now.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Try to avoid charging uphill to fight, or you'll be too exhausted by the time you get to the top. Instead, stand your ground, and aim to break your adversary's resistance without fighting. Vary your methods, and be unpredictable.

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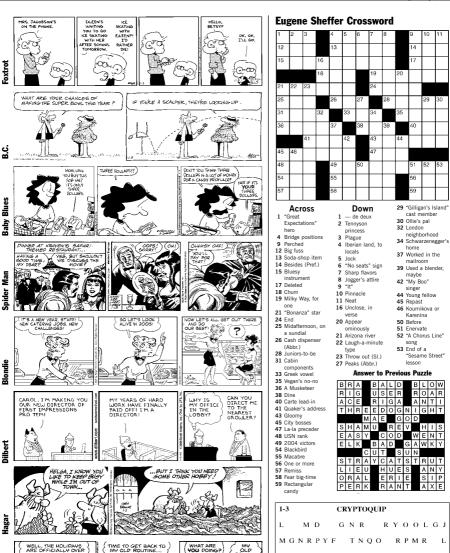












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Reconciliation a tricky situation JUMBLE

Dear Abby: I need to know if I should forgive my husband, "Kurt," or move on and start

I had been married 26 years when Kurt called me one day at work to say he no longer knew how he felt about me

I was speechless At first. I thought he was joking, but it went from bad to worse, and he asked for a divorce. He became verbally and emotionally abusive after that and moved out for a while. Then we reconciled. Everything was OK until a well-meaning friend called and told me Kurt had been involved with the office slut for more than a year.

When I confronted him, spilled his guts.

I get sick thinking of the way Kurt treated me. My feelings for my husband have changed since I learned the truth. What I thought was a midlife crisis

- but where do I go from here Since Kurt has returned home. I have been the "queen" in his life. He is truly a different person. What do you think?

- Furious in Ohio Dear Furious: I think he's sorry for the mess he Dear Abby made of things and for hurting you. Let's not forget, if he didn't care for you, he could have

ended the marriage. You and your husband must talk this out until it is laid to rest, and the place to do it is in the presence of a marriage counselor

Dear Abby: For the past year, every time I visit my parents, my mother has commented on items in their home that she wants to go to specific

family members after she and Dad are gone. My siblings and I don't always get along, and I'm afraid that after our parents pass on, there

gets what.

I have suggested to Mom that she write this all down, but she refuses. She keeps insisting, 'You'll remember this." Should I help my parents write down their wishes?

_ Dutiful Daughter in Middletown, N.J.

Dear Daughter: It's a shame that two of the most important subjects - sex and death - are also the most difficult to discuss. In the interest of family harmonv. your mother and father should be writing down their wishes concerning their property. However, since your mother seems unwilling, when she points out certain items, give her an indelible pen and suggest that she label them with the name of the person she would like to have them

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069, Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at http://www.uexpress.com/deara Universal Press Syndicate

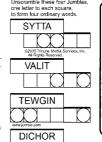
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(Answers tomorrow) Jumbles: DALLY SCARF PLACID BEHOLD Answer: The only time of year the crowd wanted the star shortstop to do this - DROP THE "BALL"

WHAT IT TAKES TO

MAKE A FAST MEAL



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

hildren old enough to fly alone

Dear Annie: My kids, ages 11 and 9, live with my ex-wife over 1,000 miles away from me. Each time I want to visit them, I have to pay for very expensive plane tickets and hotel rooms If they come to my house, it means I have to fly there to pick them up

and fly back to return

I know that airlines have ser vices to make sure your kids travel safely. I want my children to spend their next vacation with me, but my ex-wife thinks they are too young to travel without a parent. She worries about turbulence or the chance of a plane crash. I agree with her, but flying is safer than driving, and she has no problem putting them in a car. Besides, it was HER decision to move so far away.

My attorney informs me that if I choose to have the children fly here, my ex-wife is required to

Annie's Mailbox



cerned Parent Dear Parent: There are no guarantees

when it comes to air travel While your presence on the plane may be comforting air. lines are wonderful about children traveling alone, and heaven knows, there are plenty of them shuttling between divorced parents these days.

Yes, the kids are old enough to fly by themselves, although they may be nervous the first time they do so. It will help if their mother reassures them, so please discuss this with her. If she is unwilling to put them on a plane

the two of you should alternate which one of you gets to travel with them. She should not be using this as an excuse for them to avoid seeing their father.

Dear Annie: My sister requested an expensive perfume for her birthday. When I purchased the item. I was given a bonus gift of a small travel case with several assorted cosmetics. Should I give the promotional items to my sister? I like many of the products and would like to keep them, if it's OK

- Indiana Shopper

Dear Indiana: Yes, you may keep them. The perfume is the gift for your sister. The rest belongs to you for making the purchase, so enjoy.

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"Don't pack them too hard, 'cause we might be throwing some of them at Mommy.'



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Point spreads not in line with reality

By DAVE GOLDRERG The Associated Press

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When the line for Denver's home game against Indianapolis came out Sunday night, the Bron-



were 51/2-point favorites, a surprise considering the Colts are 12-3.

By Tuesday, Denver was an 8½-point favorite Anyone who watched the Rams beat the Eagles' junior varsity on Monday night knows exactly

what is going on The Broncos (9-6) need to beat

the Colts to make the playoffs. The Colts need nothing except to stay healthy: They are locked in as the third-seeded team in the AFC and might play the Broncos again a week later in Indianapolis. So the line reflects the incentive factor, as it does in a number of games in the final weekend of

the NFL regular season. "There are a lot of factors involved in how much they'll play or how long," Colts coach Tony Dungy says, referring to his starters, including Peyton Manning, who broke Dan Marino's record for touchdown passes in a season last week.

Dungy is a classy guy, but like all coaches of teams that have clinched all they can clinch, he has to think "me first." Or at least "us first '

So maybe Manning will play long enough to throw his 50th touchdown pass. More likely he won't. He has his record; his top three wide receivers each has 1.000 vards; and the Colts prefer to keep everyone healthy for the

BRONCOS, 27-6.

Pittsburgh (plus 9) at Buffalo: Another glorified exhibition, except that Buffalo needs to win Real line would probably favor the Steelers by 3 to 6. ... BILLS,

Kansas City (minus 3) at San Diego: A six-point swing here;



the Chargers originally were favored by 3. Same theory. ...

New York Jets (minus 3) at St. Louis: Surprise! A game that means something to both teams. JETS, 24-20.

New Orleans (plus 7) at Carolina: Ditto. ... PANTHERS, 24-20. Minnesota (minus 4) at Washington: The Vikings need the win, the Redskins are out of it. But Washington will play hard. ...

REDSKINS, 18-17. San Francisco (plus 14) at New England: The Patriots could play Troy Brown at OB and win. Rohan Davev is more likely. ...

PATRIOTS, 31-3. Cincinnati (minus 3) at Phila delphia: Marvin Lewis gets his second straight 8-8 season. ... BENGALS, 24-7.

Miami (plus 11) at Baltimore Jim Bates saved what was left of the Dolphins' season. He'll keep his finale close. ... RAVENS, 17-13

Dallas (plus 21/2) at New York Giants: Eli finally gets over the top. ... GIANTS, 20-19.

Green Bay (plus 3) at Chicago: Another line-flipper: Packers were favored by 2 at the start Favre will start to keep his streak but ... BEARS, 20-16. Jacksonville (off) at Oakland:

Jaguars are still alive but realistically blew a playoff berth last week.... JAGUARS, 21-20.

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Tampa Bay (plus 3) at Arizona: And flip again - Bucs were favored by 2. ... CARDINALS, 19-14.

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Atlanta (plus 5½) at Seattle: Michael Vick practiced this week. Will he play? Seattle tries to clinch the West. ... SEAHAWKS,

24-16. Detroit (minus 3) at Tennessee: The Titans have few healthy bodies. ... LIONS, 31-23.

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College basketball

Men's Top 25 fared

Dec. 30-31
1. Illinois (14-0) beat beat Northy State 69-51 Thursday, beat No. 22 Cincinnati 67-45 Friday. Next: vs. Ohio State, Wednes-day. 2. Kansas (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 9 Georgia Tech, Saturday. Noklahoma State (9-1) did not play. Next: at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, Monday.
 North Carolina (11-1) beat Cleveland State 107-64 Thursday. Next: vs. William & Mary, Sunday. Mary, Sunday.

5. Wake Forest (11-1)beat North Carolina A&T 98-76 Thursday. Next: at No. 25 Virginia, Sunday.

unday. 6. Duke (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. Clem-6. Diuke (8-0) did not play, Mca. son, Sunday, 7. Syracuse (13-1) beat Hofstra 89-75 Thurs-day, Next: at St. John's, Wednesday, 8. Kentucky (9-1) did not play, Next: vs. Syracy (19-1) did not play, Next: at No. 2 Kansas, Saturday, Next: vs. Miami,

Thursday. 10. Pittsburgh (10-0) did not play. Next: vs. Bucknell, Sunday. Next: vs. Georgetown. Wednesday.

11. Connecticut (8-1) beat Quinnipiac
123-71 Thursday. Next: vs. Boston College
Wednesday

123-17 Thursday, Next vs. Boston College, Wegingsdown (C2) lost to Missouri 63-61 Thursday, Next at Santa Clara, Thursday, 13, Washingson (C1-1) beat California 14, Arizona (10-2) beat Richmend 84-71 (10-2) did not play, Next vs. UNLV, Santaday, 1) beat Saint Louis G7-58 Tri. North Carolina State (10-2) lost to 54, Next vs. Michigan, Wednesday, 11, North Carolina State (10-2) lost to 54, Next vs. Michigan, Wednesday, 11, North Carolina State (10-2) lost to 54, Next vs. Michigan, Wednesday, 11, North Carolina State (10-2) lost to 54, Next vs. Michigan, Wednesday, 11, North Carolina State (10-2) lost to 54, Next vs. Michigan, Wednesday, 11, North Carolina State (10-2) lost to 54, Next vs. Michigan, Wednesday, 11, North Carolina State (10-2) lost to 54, Next vs. Michigan, Wednesday, 11, North Carolina State (10-2) lost to 54, Next vs. Michigan, Wednesday, 11, North Carolina State (10-2) lost to 54, North Carolina State (10-2) lost to 54, Next vs. Michigan, Wednesday, 11, North Carolina State (10-2) lost to 54, North Ca

day. 18. Alabama (10-2) did not play. Next: vs. Now Orleans, Saturday. New Orleans, Saturday. 19. Louisville (10-2) beat Eastern Kentucky 78-63 Thursday, Next: vs. Tennessee State

20. George Washington (8-2) did not play. Next: vs. La Salle, Wednesday. 21. Mississippi State (12-2) beat Virginia Tech Thursday. Next: vs. Auburn, Wednes-

Tech Thursday, Next: vs. Hubble.

2. Cincinnal (11-1) lost: No. 1 Illinois

67-45 Friday, beat Longwood 55-69 Thursday,

2.5. Michigan State (6-2) did not play, Next: at Penn State, Wedgesday,

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Mount St. Mary S, Md. Tuesday,

25. Virginia (6-1) did not play, Next: vs.

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5. Virginia (6-1) did not play, Next: vs. No.

5 Wake Forest, Sunday.

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Indiana 69, Oral Roberts 68
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Thursday's men's scores

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Women's Top 25 fared

Dec. 30-31 1. LSU (12-0) beat Texas State 78-38 Thurs-day. Next: vs. Tulane, Sunday. 2. Duke (13-1) beat Auburn 80-61. Next: vs. Holy Cross, Tuesday. 3. Baylor (10-1) did not play. Next: at Texas A&M, Wednesday. 4. Texas (7-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 24

Rutgers, Sund 16-22 did not play. Next: vs. Wo. 24.

5. Stanford (9-2) did not play. Next: vs. Washington State, Sunday.

6. Notre Dame (11-1) beat Northern Illinois.

74-95 Thursday. Next: vs. Seton Hall, Sunday.

78-55 Thursday. Next: vs. Winthrop, Thurs-

day. 8. Tennessee (8-3) did not play. Next: at Old Dominion, Sunday.

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ington (y-60 Thursday, Next: at West Virgin-la, Sunday, 15. Wanderbilt (10-1) beat New Orleans 91-37. Next: vs. Troy, Sunday, 16. Georgia (10-3) beat Arkansas 78-57. Next: vs. Tennessee-Martin, Sunday, 17. Maryland (10-1) beat Marshall 83-68. Next: at Virginia Tech. Sunday, 18. Iowa (12-0) beat Indiana 62-51 Thurs-day, Next: at Illinois, Sunday.

19. DePaul (10-2) beat Richmond 61-55 19. DePaul (10-2) beat Richmond 61-55 hursday, Next; vs. Holy Cross, Scindi²7, 67 hursday, Vext; vs. Holy Cross, Scindi²7, 67 hursday, Next; vs. Holy Cross, Scindi²7, 67 hursday, Next; vs. Holy Cross, Monday, vs. Arizona, Monday, vs. Arizona, Monday, vs. Arizona, Monday, vs. Arizona, Monday, vs. Holy Cross, Vext; vs. Certal Connecticut State, Sunday, cold not play, Next; vs. Credibles, Vs. Holy Cross, Vs. Credibles, Vs. Credibles,

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Friday's transactions BASEBALL

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ion.

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Placed DT Lang-ton Moore on the injured reserve list.

Igned OT Pete Lougheed from the practice WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Released DL Melvin Williams. Signed LB Devon Lemons from the practice squad.

rom the practice squad.

Arena Football League

ARIZONA RATTLERS—Signed DS Kendall

dwards. Waived FB-LB AJ Novak.

DALLAS DESPERADOS—Signed OL-DL Rod Manuel. LAS VEGAS GLADIATORS—Signed OB Craig Vhelihan, NASHVILLE KATS—Signed DS Rober' Free-

nan. TAMPA BAY STORM—Signed OL-DL Mike LACROSSE National Lacrosse League CALGARY ROUGHNECKS—Signed F Andrew

Blers to a one-year contract.

PHILADELPHIA WINGS—Signed F Andrew Guindon to a one-year contract.

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INDIANA—Named Gerald Brown running backs coach, Troy Douglas cornerbacks coach, Matt Canada quarterbacks coach and passing game coordinators Brian George defensive line coach and co-defen-sive coordinator, Billy Lynch wide receivers pach los Palcie codefensive coordinators coach, Joe Palcic co-defensive coordinato and safeties coach, Bobby Johnson offen sive line coach and running game coordina tor and George Ricumstrict linebackers



Yankees reach tentative deal for Johnson

NEW YORK - One week later, Randy Johnson again appears headed to New

The Arizona Diamondbacks and Yankees reached a tentative agreement Thursday on a deal to send the Big Unit to the Bronx for pitchers Javier Vazquez and Brad Halsey, young catcher Dioner Navar-ro and \$9 million, a baseball official said on condition of anonymity.

The teams finished putting the deal in writing Friday but do



not intend to submit it to the commissioner's office until Monday the official said

While not confirming the substance of the report, Diamondbacks managing partner Ken Kendrick said the teams "are in serious discussions.

Kendrick also indicated Arizona was working on another deal involving Vazquez. One possible suitor was the Los Angeles Dodgers, who could send outfielder Shawn Green and pitcher Brad Penny to Arizona.

Separate trades, if they include Los Angeles, would in essence reach the same conclusion as the three-team effort that fell apart Dec. 21 when the Dodgers backed out. Arizona also could deal Vazquez to another team

"We would not agree to a final deal or a trade of Randy Johnson unless we believed it would benefit our team," Kendrick said. "That would require in return at least two significant major league ballplayers.

Kendrick said, however, that no deal could be completed, or the paperwork even submitted to the commissioner's office, until early next week

In addition, the Yankees finalized a \$3 million, one-year contract with Tino Martinez, a deal that includes a club option for

Even after the Yankees and Diamondbacks finalize their deal, several things must happen before the trade could become complete.



Arizona Diamondbacks ace Randy Johnson reportedly will be traded to the New York Yankees for pitchers Javier Vazquez and Brad Halsey, catcher Dioner Navarro and \$9 million. A baseball official said the teams will submit paperwork for the deal on Monday.

- Because the money was greater than \$1 million, commissioner Bud Selig must give his approval, which probably won't hannen until nevt week
- All players must pass physicals. ■ Johnson has to formally give approval because he has a no-trade clause. ■ The Yankees want a 72-hour window
- to negotiate an extension with the 41-year-old Johnson, whose current contract expires after the 2005 season Johnson, a 10-time All-Star, would join a

reshaped rotation that now includes Carl Pavano and Jaret Wright.

The Yankees, who already had Mike Mussina and Kevin Brown, blew a 3-0 lead in the American League championship se-

ries and lost in seven games to the Boston Red Sox

The money New York is sending Arizona, which will be paid over several seasons, would offset some of the \$34.5 million Vazquez is owed: \$10.5 million in 2005, \$11.5 million in 2006 and \$12.5 million in 2007. New York is making the final \$1 million payment of his signing bonus, which is due Friday.

Johnson was 16-14, a record skewed by playing for a team that went 51-111, tied for the 10th-most losses in major league his-

Martinez, 37, a two-time All-Star, played for New York from 1996 to 2001, helping the Yankees win five AL pennants and four

Jeter, Martinez hit .262 with 23 homers and 76 RBIs for Tampa Bay last season.

Martinez gets \$2.75 million next season and New York has a \$3 million option for 2006 with a \$250,000 buyout.

Cardinals working on 2B Alomar

ST. LOUIS — Searching for the final piece to a revamped middle infield, the St. Louis Cardinals are working on a deal with switch-hitting second baseman Roberto Cardinals spokesman Brian Bartow said

Thursday that "certainly there are talks between the two sides" as the NL champions look to replace Tony Womack, who signed this month with the New York Yankees. Bartow labeled as premature a report

that the Cardinals had signed Alomar 10-time Gold Glove winner to a \$500,000 one-year contract.

Alomar turns 37 in February and played in just 56 games last year because of a broken right hand after being hit by a pitch.

Alomar's agent, Jaime Torres, refused to discuss the Cardinals' interest in the 12-time All-Star, who is a career .300 hit-

Alomar split last season between Arizona and the Chicago White Sox, batting a combined .263 with four home runs and 24 RBIs in 171 plate appearances

Boston's Damon gets married

BOSTON - Boston Red Sox center fielder Johnny Damon married girlfriend Michelle Mangan in Florida Thursday in an affair attended by stars of the sports, television and music worlds

Red Sox teammates Doug Mientkiewicz, Mike Timlin, Kevin Millar, Bronson Arroyo and Kevin Youkilis were among the 175 guests at Orlando's Ritz Carlton Grande Lakes Hotel. AC/DC lead singer Brian Johnson and celebrity chef Todd English also attended.

The reception capped three days of events, including a private comedy show for guests featuring Mike O'Malley, Craig Shoemaker, and, from "Saturday Night Live," Seth Meyers.

Suspect in Vanderbilt player's death surrenders accented donations from fans at

TAMPA, Fla. - A man charged with killing a Vanderbilt football player turned himself in Friday. nolice said. Rodney "Roscoe" Roman was

charged with first-degree murder in the death of Kwane Doster, a running back with Vanderbilt, and two counts of attempted murder, Tampa police spokesman Joe

Roman was accompanied by his lawyer, Daniel Castillo, when he surrendered at the Hillsborough County jail, Durkin said. "My client is not the person

they are looking for." Castillo told The Tampa Tribune. "They got the wrong guy."

Doster was shot to death Sunday after his friends got in a disnute with three other men about whose car was better. Durkin said

Police said Roman, who is in his late 20s, fired the shot that killed Doster and was the driver of the car that pulled up alongside the vehicle Doster was riding in Sunday.

Roman's lawyer did not immediately return a message Friday seeking comment.

Sports briefs

Doster was the first Vanderbilt player recognized as the Southeastern Conference Freshman of the Year in 2002 after setting a team record of 798 rushing yards.

Teams, athletes helping with tsunami relief efforts

Sports teams, athletes and ever bowl games are organizing relief efforts for victims of the tsunami disaster in Asia

The American Red Cross will collect donations at the Rose Bowl and the Cotton Bowl on Saturday; volunteers from Northwest Medical Teams will accept relief assistance donations at Sunday's NFL game between the Atlanta Falcons and Seattle Sea-

"You have all seen it on television and seen the devastation said Seattle coach Mike Holmgren, whose wife, Kathy, is a board member of the Northwest Medical Teams. "People are always asking, 'What can I do?' This is one of the things we can do."

The NBA's Charlotte Bobcats

Friday night's game against the Seattle SuperSonics, and the New Jersey Nets will donate a nercent age of all tickets sold over the next two weeks to UNICEF.

The son of baseball great Roberto Clemente is sending money and two tons of supplies - originally destined for Nicaragua to honor his late father's ill-fated humanitarian flight exactly 32 years to tsunami victims

"My father always said, 'If you have an opportunity to make things better and you don't, then you are wasting your time on Earth.'" Roberto Clemente Jr. said in a telephone interview Thursday with The Associated Press from Puerto Rico.

Some of the biggest names in tennis are also assisting victims. Roger Federer, Andy Roddick and Lleyton Hewitt, the three top-ranked players, will auction autographed rackets, with the

money going to UNICEF relief. Wimbledon champion Maria Sharanova donated \$10,000 Thursday to the victims in Thailand. Sharapova, in Bangkok for an exhibition match against Venus Williams, presented the check to Thailand's prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra

Nuggets' Anthony, MTV VJ Vasquez engaged DENVER - Carmelo Anthony

finally has some good news about his personal life: He's engaged to MTV VJ La La Vasquez. The Denver Nuggets' star said Thursday he made his proposal,

accompanied by a 9-carat ring, on Christmas Day. They haven't set a wedding date The engagement follows a series of unflattering off-the-court

news about Anthony. He was charged with misdemeanor drug ssion in October after air port inspectors found marijuana in his backpack. The charge was dropped after a friend said the marijuana was his.

In November, three men were arrested on suspicion of trying to extort \$3 million from Anthony with a videotape of a bar fight that broke out after someone spit a drink on Vasquez in Manhattan in September.

In early December, Anthony popped up on a homemade DVD circulating in Baltimore, his hometown Someone on the DVD warns that people who tip police about drug deals "get a hole in their head."

Anthony said he had nothing to do with the DVD and condemned

Kraiicek helps put Netherlands in main draw

PERTH. Australia 15-year-old sister of 1996 Wimbledon champion Richard Krajicek helped the Netherlands earn its first spot in nine years in the main draw of the Hopman Cup, a mixed teams event and Australian Open tuneup.

Michaella Krajicek, winner of last year's U.S. Open girls' title, won a qualifying match against Zimbabwe on Saturday, beating Cara Black 3-6, 7-6 (5), 6-0. Peter Wessels then defeated Wayne Black 7-6 (7), 7-5, giving the Dutch the eighth and final place in the field. Zimbabwe won a mixed doubles set 8-7 to make the final score 2-1.

The Dutch are grouped with the defending champion United States, Slovakia and Australia. The United States, which plays the Netherlands on Tuesday, is without top-ranked Lindsay Dayenport, who has a knee injury. Meghann Shaughnessy will team with James Blake, who won this event with Serena Williams in 2003 and Davenport last year.

Anthony helps Cooper earn debut victory

The Associated Pres

DENVER - Michael Cooper spent most of his first game as an NBA coach sitting on the bench, hoping the nervousness he felt inside wouldn't filter out onto the floor. Apparently, Cooper learned a little about

acting in all those years in Los Angeles Carmelo Anthony had 24 points in his first game in two weeks and the Denver Nuggets NRA made Cooper a winner in his NBA coaching

roundup debut. ending six-game losing streak with a 97-92 victory over Philadelphia on Friday night. Cooper became the interim coach Tues-

day after the losing streak and a 13-15 start cost Jeff Bzdelik his job. The Nuggets didn't look a whole lot different under Cooper - good stretches followed by horrible - but certainly had plenty of energy.

Playing most of the game without three starters, Denver scrambled on defense and played just well enough on offense to win for just the second time in 10 games. The Nuggets also stayed poise down the stretch exactly what Cooper had hoped for with his sitdown style.

"I was excited but I tried not to show the team that I was excited," said Cooper, who played and coached in Los Angeles over parts of three decades. "As a player, I looked to the bench and if Pat Riley was looking a little nervous it effected me on the floor. So I tried to keep my composure so the players don't see me losing my composure

It worked Cooper pledged to make Denver better by focusing on defense - his specialty in 12 seasons as a player. That philosophy was put to the test right away against Phila-delphia, which had scored 100 points in eight straight games, and Allen Iverson,

who averaged 41 points in his past five. And it didn't help that the Nuggets were without Kenyon Martin (back) and Greg Buckner (groin), then lost center Marcus Camby, the league's No. 4 shot-blocker, to a strained back late in the first quarter

SuperSonics 103. Bobcats 97: At Charlotte, N.C., Rashard Lewis scored 27 points and Seattle made 11 three-pointers.

Vladimir Radmanovic added 21 points on 5-for-7 shooting from three-point range and Ray Allen had 18 points for the Sonics. Emeka Okafor led the Bobcats with a career-high 27 points and also had 10 re-

Kings 109, Jazz 102: Chris Webber scored 14 of his 25 points in the third quarter to help the visiting Kings snap a two-game losing streak.

Peja Stojakovic led the Kings with 26 points and Mike Bibby and Brad Miller each added 17 Carlos Boozer led the Jazz with 25 points and 10 rebounds.

Spurs 98, Clippers 79: At Los Angeles, Tim Duncan scored 23 points and Tony Parker added 21 points and 11 assists to help San Antonio win its fifth straight game.

The Southwest Division-leading Spurs, with the best record in franchise history, improved to 25.6 with their 17th victory in 20 games despite the early ejection of coach Gregg Popovich. Corey Maggette and Rick Brunson each had 17 points for the Clinners

Rockets 105, Bucks 90: Tracy McGrady had 42 points to help the host Rockets reach .500 (15-15) for the first time since they were 6-6 on Nov. 21. Houston has won nine of its last 13 games. Rockets center Yao Ming missed a game

for the first time in his NBA career, sitting out because of the flu Michael Redd led the Bucks with 21 points.

In Thursday's games

Pacers 96, Nets 83: Jermaine O'Neal scored 31 points to lead visiting Indiana, just hours after a judge ruled that he didn't have to serve the final 10 games of a suspension.

Jeff Foster added 16 points and a season-high 16 rebounds as the Pacers won their third straight game, matching their longest streak since the Nov 19 brawl in Detroit that led to multiple suspensions.

O'Neal got a 25-game suspension, but last week an arbitrator reduced it to 15 games, allowing him to return to action. U.S. District Judge George B. Daniels upheld that decision in New York about three hours before the Pacers and Nets took the

SuperSonics 94. Hawks 79: At Atlanta. Ray Allen scored 20 points and Rashard Lewis added 17 to lead the SuperSonics, who overcame the ejections of Jerome James and Danny Fortson to beat the Hawks

Official Bob Delaney ejected James after giving the center his first technical foul with 7:14 left in the third quarter. James, called for an offensive foul, appeared to use an expletive as he looked down at Delaney.

With 6:33 remaining in the fourth quarter. Fortson complained about contact on Seattle's offensive end and was tossed by

Heat 89, Pistons 78: Dwyane Wade had 31 points, 10 assists and 10 rebounds to lead Miami past host Detroit.

Wade helped extend the Heat's franchise-record winning streak to 13 games Miami, which last lost on Dec. 4, won 14 games in a month for the first time. Shaquille O'Neal, playing despite a sore

back and ribs, had 21 points for the Heat. Spurs 114. Trail Blazers 80: At Port-



Denver Nuggets forward Carmelo Anthony, front, protects the ball as Philadelphia 76ers forward Aaon McKie tries for a steal in the first quarter in Denver on Friday.

land, Ore., Tim Duncan had 19 points and nine rebounds and Tony Parker added 18 points to lead San Antonio.

Parker, coming off a season-high 29 points against Phoenix, scored 15 points in the first half as the Spurs won their fourth straight and seventh in eight games Darius Miles had 17 points for Portland

in the Blazers' most lonsided loss of the sea-

NBA scoreboard

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0-10-13-61, R. Radmanovic 0-12-0-21, Daniels
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Kings 109, Jazz 102

SACRAMENTO — Stojakovic 11-20 1-2 26 Webber 11-20 3-3 25, Miller 4-8 9-11 17, Bibby 6-165-6 17, Christie 4-6 1-2 10, Evans 2-2 0-0 4, Ostertag 0-1 0-2 0, Martin 2-3 2-2 6, Songalia 2-4 0-0 4, Barnes 0-1 0-2 0, Totals 42-81 21-30

109. UTAH — Harpring 5-12 3-4 13, Boozer 10-18 5-8 25, Radojevic 0-0 0-0 0, McLeod 5-12 3-3 14, Bell 6-10 0-0 14, Okur 6-12 3-4 15, Borchardt 1-2 0-0 2, Giricek 4-7 1-2 10, Lopez 1-2 2-2 5, Arroyo 0-0 0-0 0, Humphries 0-1 0-0 0, Snyder 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 40-78 17-23 10-2

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Nuggets 97, 76ers 92

PHILADELPHIA — Iguodala 2-4 2-2 6, Tho-nas 1-4 0-0 2, Dalembert 2-4 0-0 4, Iverson 1-28 5-10 29, Green 3-9 0-0 6, Jackson 5-7 5-5 6, Korver 4-10 2-2 13, McKie 1-3 0-0 2, Oille 1-0-0 0, Williamson 6-9 3-4 15. Totals 35-79 7-23 92.

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Rockets 105, Bucks 90

MILWAUKEE — Mason 4-12 7-9 15, Smith 3-6 2-2 8, Gadzuric 2-6 1-4 5, M.Williams 1-5 7-8 9, Redd 9-22 0-0 21, James 8-19 0-2 17, Pa chulla 1-2 1-2 3, Fizer 3-5 2-2 8, Gill 1-5 2-2 4 Totals 32-82 22-31 90.

HOUSTON — McGrady 13-24 13-16 42, Howard 4-9 1-2 9, Mutombo 3-4 0-0 6, Sura 3-7-0-0 6, Wesley 3-11 2-2 9, Barry 3-6 2-2 11, Weatherspoon 0-1 0-0 0, Taylor 8-11 0-0 16, Gaines 0-0 0-0 0, Padgett 2-3 1-2 6. Totals 39-76 19-24 105.

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Thursday's games Supersonics 94, Hawks 79

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INDIANA — Curry 0-2 0-0 0, O'Neal 13-25 4-6 31, Foster 6-6 4-5 16, Miller 2-9 2-2 8, Tinsley 5-18 2-3 15, Johnson 0-2 0-0 0, F. Jones 1-4 3-8 5, Harrison 1-1 1-3 3, Croshere 5-8 5-5 17, Gill 0-0 0-0 0, J.Jones 0-0 0-0 0, Edwards 0-0 1-2 1. Totals 33-75 22-34 96.

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NEW JERSEY — Jefferson 4-15 12-13 20, Collins 1-5 3-4 5, Krstic 2-5 0-0 4, Carter 9-20 6-9 25, Kidd 2-60-2 4, Smith 0-2 1-2 1, Best 2-7 0-0 4, Buford 8-13 0-0 20, Moiso 0-0 0-0 0, Dickens 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 28-73 22-30 83. New Jersey 17 17 29 20—83 Three-Point Goals—Indiana 8-22 (Tinsley 3-10, Croshere 2-2, Miller 2-8, O'Neal 1-1, Johnson 0-1), New Jersey 5-11 (Buford 4-5, Carter 1-1, Best 0-1, Kidd 0-2, Jefferson 0-2), Fouled out—O'Neal, Collins, Krstic, Rebound-(Kidd 11), Assists—Indians 24 (Miller, Tinsley, 7), New Jersey 21 (Kidd 10), Total fouls—Indiana 27, New Jersey 25, Echnicals—Jefferson. Flagrant fouls—Curry, A—20,174 (19,860).

Heat 89, Pistons 78

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Spurs 114. Trail Blazers 80

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Van Exel 3-9 4-5 12, Patterson 3-9 1-2 7,
Abdur-Rahim 5-15 4-4 14, Stoudamire 1-4 0-0
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1-2 2-6 4, Outlaw 1-3 0-0 2, Totals 30-76 16-25

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Kansas needs OT to beat Ga. Tech AFA wins;

BY DOUG TUCKER The Associated Press

LAWRENCE, Kan. - Keith Langford's twisting shot with 3 seconds left in overtime capped a comeback from a 16-point deficit and lifted second-ranked Kansas to a 70-68

victory over No. 9 Georgia Tech on Saturday It was a physical, fast-paced rematch of a re-gional final in the 2004 NCAA tournament, a game the Yellow Jackets won en route to a berth in the national championship game.

This time, Kansas (9-0) shot poorly in the first half, fell behind by double digits early, and did not take its first lead until the extra period. Langford had a hand in that, too, stealing the ball to set up Alex Galindo's basket that gave the hosts a 66-65 edge with 1:38 left in the extra session

Then, with the capacity crowd in Allen Fieldhouse screaming, Langford put a spin move on defender Mario West and launched the game-winner.

Langford, who had only two points by half-time, led the Jayhawks with 18, J.R. Giddens had 16 and Aaron Miles finished with 14 in his 116th straight start at point guard. Miles had eight assists, giving him 808 for his career to surpass the school record of 804 set by Jacque Vaughn between 1993 and 1997

The Jayhawks were without injured power forward Wayne Simien, their leading scorer (17.4-point average) and rebounder (12 aver-



Kansas' C.J. Giles (33) and Aaron Miles apply pressure to Georgia Tech's Jarrett Jack (3).

age). It was Kansas' second game since he was sidelined for at least a month with a thumb injury

Georgia Tech guard B.J. Elder, pacing the Yellow Jackets with more than 15 points a game despite a recent shooting slump, went to the bench midway through the first half with

what appeared to be a leg problem. He did not return

Jarrett Jack led the way for Georgia Tech (9-2) with 26 points

Georgia Tech, which beat Kansas 79-71 in the NCAAs but lost to Connecticut in the final, went up quickly in overtime Saturday on An-thony Morrow's bucket. With 2:42 left, Isma'il Muhammad hit a 5-footer in the lane for a 65-61 lead. Galindo, who helped lead Kansas second-half comeback, answered three-pointer that cut the deficit to 65-64.

A moment later, Langford's bucket made it 68-67 and Muhammad's free throw with 27 seconds to play tied it at 68.

After trimming the deficit to seven points at halftime, Kansas got it down to one point three times. But Luke Schenscher answered with two free throws the first time and Jack came down and scored twice to keep Kansas

Finally, with 1:15 left in regulation, Langford bounced in a three-pointer that knotted it 61-61

The Jayhawks hit only five of their first 19 shots and trailed 31-15 after Miles missed a layup and Muhammad drove in for a crowd-silencing dunk

Miles and J.R. Giddens then hit consecutive three-pointers and the Javhawks shaved the lead to 34-27 when Miles went to the line with 2 seconds left in the half. That was the first free throw for any Kansas player.

Army and Navy fall

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. Tim Keller made his first four three-point attempts and finished with 12 points Friday to help Air Force beat Rutgers 70-53 and end a three-game losing streak.

Keller also had five assists and Antoine Hood added 12 points for the Falcons (7-5), who ended Rutgers' four-game winning streak in their first game against a Big East opponent since 1988.

For years, teams from major conferences had no compelling



reason play Air Force long-struggling pro-

that

gram last season made its first NCAA tournament appearance since 1962. Now, as the Scarlet Knights (6-4) learned, there are new reasons to avoid the Falcons. Methodical and mind-numbing as a metronome, Air Force ran its slow-down, Princeton-style of-fense by the book, rarely letting Rutgers run or get into any kind

Ricky Shields had 12 points and Ouincy Douby 10 for the Scarlet Knights, who didn't get their first transition bucket until 2 minutes were gone in the second half.

They also played in constant foul trouble. Freshman Ollie Bailey, who averages 14 points and five rebounds, scored the game's first bucket, then left 5 minutes later with two fouls. He finished with two points and a rebound.

Air Force went 10-for-24 from three-point range, most of the attempts coming with the shot clock in single digits.

Air Force held Rutgers to 20 points in the first half and, although the nace nicked up a hit in the second, the Knights didn't really start running and scoring until after they had fallen behind by 16 with about 5 minutes left.

In Thursday's games:

Fairleigh Dickinson 69, Army 53: At Hackensack, N.J., Chad Timberlake had 18 points and seven rebounds to lead Fairleigh Dickinson (5-7) past Army (2-8).

Tamien Trent added 15 points for Fairleigh Dickinson. Colin

Harris led Army with 15 points. Army pulled within eight points twice in the second half, but Fairleigh Dickinson went on a 15-1 run, surging to a 55-33 lead, its biggest of the night, with

Citadel 87, Navy 72: At Charleston, S.C., Donny McLen-don scored 23 points and Kevin Hammack 19 for Citadel (8-2), which has its best record since 1992

The Bulldogs led only 36-32 at halftime after Navy (4-7) pulled within four on David's Hooner's three-pointer. The Citadel piled it on in the the second half, scoring

20 points off 12 Navy turnovers. Hooper led Navy with 15 points. Matt Fannin and Laramie Mergerson added 13, and Corey Johnson had 12.

No. 1 Illinois routs Cincinnati in Vegas

LAS VEGAS - Deron Williams had 18 points and six rebounds to help top-ranked Illi-nois beat No. 22 Cincinnati 67-45 Friday night in the final game of the Las Vegas Holiday Classic.

Dee Brown and Roger Powell added 13 points apiece for Illinois (14-0), which did not trail for the sixth consecutive game, Jason Maxiell led the Bearcats (11-1) with 12 points and 11 rebounds.

Men's Top 25

Illinois is off to its best start since 1988-89 when it began 17-0 and reached the Final Four The Illini have only trailed for 21 minutes, 32 seconds of 560 minutes this season. The last time Illinois trailed

was Dec. 9 against Georgetown.

No. 13 Washington 81, California 67: At Seattle, Tre Simmons scored 18 points, and Bobby Jones had 16 to help Washington win a Pac-10 Conference opener. Will Conroy and Jamaal Williams each added 11 points as Washington (11-1) extend-

ed its home winning streak to 14 games, the longest in six years. The Huskies also won their seventh straight overall, the most since

Richard Midgley led California (7-4) with 18 points.

No. 16 Iowa 67. Saint Louis 58: At Iowa City, Iowa, Pierre Pierce scored 24 points and led a late 10-0 run that enabled Iowa to finally pull away from stubborn Saint Louis.

Adam Haluska added 13 points for the Hawkeyes (12-1). Izik Ohanon had 15 points for Saint Louis (2-10) and Anthony Drejaj 14. In Thursday's games:

Missouri 63, No. 12 Gonzaga 61: At Columbia, Mo., Gonzaga, accustomed to pulling off upsets, fell to Missouri just two days after the Bulldogs edged No. 3 Oklahoma State.

Jason Conley had 16 points and 13 rebounds, and Missouri survived a lengthy cold stretch at the finish to hang on. The Tigers (7-5) scored just two points in

the final 8½ minutes, yet improved to 16-38 against teams in the Top 25 in six seasons under Quin Snyder. It was the Tigers' first victory over a ranked opponent since a defeat of



Illinois' Roger Powell dunks during the first half of the top-ranked Illini's 67-45 rout of No. 22 Cincinnati in the championship game of the Las Vegas Holiday Classic on Friday night.

Oklahoma State in double overtime last Feb 24 at home

Ronny Turiaf, who had six points on 2-for-15 shooting, missed two free throws with a chance to tie it for Gonzaga (10-2) with 8.4 seconds left. He also missed a driving layup with about 3 seconds left.

No. 1 Illinois 69, Northwestern (La.) St. 51: Luther Head scored 18 points to lead Illinois past Northwestern State in the Las Vegas Holiday Classic The Illini (13-0) have their best record since going 17-0 in 1988-89.

Jermaine Spencer, Clifton Lee and Jer-

maine Wallace each had seven points to lead Northwestern State (5-7) No. 4 North Carolina 107, Cleveland St.

64: At Chapel Hill, N.C., Raymond Felton ran his streak of consecutive three-pointers to 12 and finished with 13 points and eight assists for North Carolina (11-1).

Omari Westley had 18 points for the Vi-kings (3-5), who lost their fifth straight.

No. 5 Wake Forest 98, North Carolina A&T 76: At Winston Salem, N.C., Justin Gray scored 21 of his 23 points in the first half to lift Wake Forest (11-1), Sean Booker scored 18 points for the Aggies (1-11).

No. 7 Syracuse 80, Hofstra 75: At Syracuse, N.Y., Hakim Warrick scored 29 points and the Orange (13-1) rallied to beat previously unbeaten Hofstra. Antoine Agudio had 17 points for the Pride (9-1).

No. 11 Connecticut 123. Quinnipiac 71: At Hartford, Conn., Josh Boone had 22 points and eight blocks to lead Connecticut (8-1) to a rout of Quinnipiac (4-5).

It was the highest output for Connecticut in 251 games at the Hartford Civic Center.

No. 14 Arizona 84, Richmond 71: At Tucson, Ariz., Chris Rodgers tied his career high with 20 points to help Arizona (10-2) win the title game of the Fiesta Bowl Classic.

Jamaal Scott had 16 points for Richmond

No. 19 Louisville 78. E. Kentucky 63: At Louisville, Ky., Francisco Garcia scored 23 points and went over 1,000 for his career to lead the Cardinals (10-2).

Michael Haney scored 22 points and reached the 1,000-point mark for Eastern Kentucky (8-3)

No. 21 Mississippi State 71, Virginia Tech 65: At New Orleans, Lawrence Roberts scored 25 points and grabbed 19 rebounds as Mississippi State (12-2) rallied in the Sugar Rowl Classic

Carlos Dixon led the Hokies (6-5) with 19.

No. 22 Cincinnati 95, Longwood 69: Jason Maxiell had 30 points and eight rebounds for Cincinnati (11-0) in the Las Vegas Holiday Classic. Michael Jefferson scored 27 points for Longwood (1-15).

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Iowa's miracle finish jolts Saban, LSU

Tate's long pass on final play erases LSU's late comeback

BY STEVEN WINE

ORLANDO, Fla. — Just when it looked as though coach Nick Saban would go out a winner at LSU, the Iowa Hawkeyes came up with a miracle finish.

Drew Tate threw a 56-yard touchdown pass to Warren Holloway on the final play Saturday, and No. 11 Iowa stunned No. 12 Louisiana State 30-25 in the Capital One Bowl.

Saban, who will become the Miami Dolphins' coach next week, threw up his arms in frustration and then watched as the entire Iowa team mobbed Holloway in the end zone.

The score capped a wild fourth quarter and spoiled a comeback by the Tigers, who overcame a 12-point deficit with 8½ minutes

Freshman JaMarcus Russell came off the bench to spark



lowa's Warren Holloway runs toward the end zone on the decisive play of the Capital One Bowl.



lowa quarterback Drew Tate (5) and backup quarterback Jason Manson, left, celebrate Tate's 56-yard TD pass to Warren Holloway that gave the Hawkeyes their eight straight victory, 30-25 in the Capital One Bowl.

LSU's rally, throwing two touchdown passes to Skyler Green. When they connected for a 3-yard score, the Tigers led 25-24 with 46 seconds to go.

After Tate completed two passes, a penalty pushed Iowa back to its 44 with 14 seconds left. Tate wound up and threw long to the open Holloway, who caught the strike in stride at the 10 and dashed to the end zone as time expired.

Iowa (10-2) won its eighth game in a row to reach double digits in victories for the third consecutive year under coach Kirk Ferentz. Four of the Hawkeyes' victories have been by a total of 11 points.

Aside from the fourth-quarter

rally, LSU (9-3) struggled on offense and looked sloppy on special teams playing one week after Saban announced his resignation. He finished 48-16 in five years with the Tigers, leading them to a bowl game every season and to the BCS national championship in 2003.

LSU, which rallied in the fourth quarter to win four times during the regular season, came back after Iowa took a 24-12 lead with 12:48 left. Russell, Saban's third quarterback of the game, capped a 74-yard drive by hitting Green with a 22-yard scoring pass. The Tigers quickly forced a punt, and this time Russell moved them 69 yards for a one-point lead that lasted until the final play.

While Tate was the hero, special teams were the difference. LSU had two punts blocked, missed a 40-yard extra-point kick after committing two penalties, and came up short when Saban faked a 39-yard field-goal attempt.

39-yard field-goal attempt. The late fireworks came after both offenses sputtered for much of the game.



LSU lineman Andrew Whitworth feels the pain of losing on the final play of the game. The Tigers wiped out a 12-point deficit in the final 8½ minutes but failed to win coach Nick Saban's last game at LSU.

Aside from a 74-yard touchdown run by Alley Broussard, the Hawkeyes bottled up LSU's potent running attack. And Iowa totaled just three first downs in the first half but led 14-12 thanks to two big plays.

The Hawkeyes scored on their first possession by burning a blitz. Clinton Solomon caught a short pass over the middle from Tate, shook off a defender and sprinted to the end zone for a 57-vard score.

Iowa struck again 64 seconds before halftime on Miguel Merrick's blocked punt. Sean Considine scooped up the ball at the 7 and scored for a 14-6 lead.

LSU answered on the next play with Broussard's long run. He swept right, cut back, found an opening and scored on the Tigers' biggest gain of the season.

Towa mounted scoring marches of 60 and 72 yards in the second half. The first drive ended with a 19-yard field goal by Kyle Schlicher, and Marques Simmons' 4-yard touchdown run made it 24-12.

Georgia's Greene goes out a winner BY FRED GOODALL es, but also had two intercepted record compiled while winning a

BY FRED GOODALL The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — One last victory for David Greene, the winningest quarterback in NCAA history.

No. 8 Georgia closed the Greene era with a 24-21 victory over No. 16 Wisconsin in the Outback Bowl on Saturday. Greene threw for 264 yards and two touchdowns in his last game for the Bulldogs (10-2), continuing his assault on the Southeastern Conference record book and adding victory No. 42 to his NCAA mark.

The senior from Snellville, Ga., has started every game since Mark Richt took over as Georgia's coach in 2001. He surpassed Peyton Manning's SEC and NCAA mark for career wins (39) this season and finished 17-1 against non-conference opponents.

Greene completed 19 of 38 pass-

es, but also had two intercepted after throwing only two during the regular season. Wisconsin's Andy Crooks returned the second interception 11 yards for a TD and John Stoco's two-point conversion pass to Jonathan Orr cut Georgia's lead to three with 4:13 to go.

The Bulldogs didn't give the

The Bulldogs didn't give the Badgers (9-3) a chance to get closer, driving to the Wisconsin 5 before taking a knee on successive plays to run out the clock. Thomas Brown gained 49 of his 111 vards rushing on the final drive.

It was the third straight appearance in a New Year's Day game for Georgia, which was ranked as high as No. 3 before falling out of contention for a BCS berth because of losses to Tennessee and Auburn.

The Bulldogs improved to 42-10 in four years under Richt, the second-best run for a Georgia senior class behind the 43-4-1 national championship and three straight SEC titles in the early 1980s. The victory gave Georgia at least 10 victories for the third straight season, one shy of the school record set from 1980-83.

Wisconsin won its first nine games to climb into national title contention, but stumbled down the stretch with losses to Michigan State and Iowa by a combined 79-21. The second loss cost the Badgers a share of the Big Ten title and a spot in the Rose Bowl.

Wisconsin coach Barry Alvarez's 7-3 record in bowl games gives him one of the best winning percentages in college football history, but all three of the losses have come against SEC opponents, including 33-6 to Georgia in the 1998 Outback.

Greene began the game by directing a 78-yard field goal drive and threw a 19-yard TD pass to Fred Gibson for a 10-6 lead midway through the second quarter.

Rix recovers to lift FSU over the Mountaineers

BY JOHN RABY The Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Florida State quarterback Chris Rix struggled for most of his career, and nothing had changed in the Gator Bowl, his final game. Coach Bobby Bowden stuck

with the senior, who eventually gave the Seminoles a spark. Rix crafted two long second-half touchdown drives, leading No. 17 Florida State to a 30-18 victory over West Virginia on Saturday. "Chris played kind of like his

"Chris piayed kind of like his career has gone," Bowden said. "That's what's been missing all year. We finally got it, but now the season is over."

The Seminoles (9-3) overcame several mistakes to avoid an unprecedented third straight bowl setback.

Bowden, facing his former

school for the first time since the 1982 Gator Bowl, moved within one bowl win of Joe Pa-

termo's NCAA record of 19.
Rix fimibled three times and
threw two interceptions, one of
which led to a touchdown. But
Rix settled down, completing
five straight passes during a
90-yard drive late in the third
quarter, capped by his 14-yard
TD pass to Craphonso ThorpeThorpe leaped for the ball over
Dee McCann in the right corner
of the end zone for a 23-15 lead.

Leon Washington carried Florida State much of the day, finishing with 195 yards rushing.

Quarterback Rasheed Marshall and West Virginia's platoon of running backs shredded the nation's top run defense for 238 yards. But the Mountaineers (8-4) failed to find the end zone three times after advancing inside the 20-yard line. Payout \$3 million
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Vols rout Texas A&M

BY JAIME ARON The Associated Press

DALLAS - Tennessee had enough of the blowout bowl losses. The Volunteers spent this New Year's Day watching the score-

board spin in their favor. Rick Clausen looked nothing like the third-stringer he was most of the season, leading No. 15 Tennessee to five touchdowns in just 21/2 quarters, and the defense had its way with No. 22 Texas A&M in a 38-7 victory in the Cot-

ton Bowl on Saturday. The Volunteers (10-3) had lost four of their past five bowl games, the past two by a combined 40 points. After never leading in either of those games, they made things different just seven plays into this one when Clausen's short pass to C.J. Fayton turned into a 57-yard touchdown.

Tennessee wound up with the most lopsided victory in its 45-game bowl history. The Vols came within 5:13 of their first bowl shutout since the last time

all realize; we're not just here to play football," Polanco said. He

said the possibility that the play-

ers would be sent to Iraq is "a re-alization we've come to expect."

Divis said the possibility of serv-ing made Thursday's victory "even more meaningful."

The contest had promised to be

more challenging offensively for Navy, which finished with 274 yards, 124 through the air.

they played the Aggies, in the 1957 Gator Bowl.

The rout was as much a result of the Volunteers playing perfectly as it was the Aggies self-de-structing. For instance, A&M lost only one fumble in its first seven games, but gave away four this time. Three came in the first half, helping Tennessee stretch its quick 7-0 lead to 21-0 early in the second quarter, forcing the Aggies (7-5) out of their game plan.

Instead of relying on the rush-ing of Gerald Riggs Jr. and Cedric Houston, Clausen came out firing from a variety of formations and showed the poise and patience of a seasoned leader, not a junior transfer who was beaten out by two freshmen and was playing only because they were both hurt

Clausen was 18 of 27 for 222 yards with three touchdowns, no interceptions and no sacks.

Tennessee gained 306 yards by halftime, even though two TD drives went just 28 and 8 yards thanks to fumble recoveries. The Vols set another school bowl record with 32 first downs

College football scoreboard

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Navy: Mids run over Lobos

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Jackson recovered the fumble on the Lobos' 22-yard line. Moore, an NFL prospect, suffered a knee injury and did not return to action. Kelly, who also made a key goal-line stop, was selected as the

game's defensive MVP. "Ninety-nine years, man, that's

something," Kelly said when asked about the significance of the victory.



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Texas Tech's Joel Filani pulls in a 60-yard touchdown pass as California's Daymeion Hughes chases the play in the third quarter of the Holiday Bowl on Thursday night.

Red Raiders bail out Brown, BCS

BY BERNIE WILSON The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO - Mack Brown and the

BCS have been exonerated by the Texas Tech Red Raiders. Stunned at getting knocked out of the

Rose Bowl by the Texas Longhorns, the No. 4 California Golden Bears couldn't even hang with No. 23 Texas Tech in the Holiday Bowl, losing 45-31 on Thursday

Cal coach Jeff Tedford said there was no connection between the snub and the drub-

"We didn't lose the game because we didn't go to the Rose Bowl," Tedford said. 'It had nothing to do with focus and preparation because we didn't go to the Rose Bow1

"Once and for all, please, it has nothing to do with it. It is not going to set our program back."

In that case, it looks as if Brown isn't such a villain, after all.

Cal had been in position to go to the Rose Bowl for the first time in 46 seasons, but was leapfrogged in the final Bowl Championship Series standings by Brown's Texas Longhorns, who ended up in Pasadena to face Michigan on Saturday.

The day the BCS pairings were released Cal quarterback Aaron Rodgers said Brown "was a little classless" for begging for poll votes to help his Longhorns, and that the system was "faulty." And Tedford said votes in the coaches' poll should be made public.

The Longhorns, by the way, beat Texas Tech 51-21 at Lubbock on Oct. 23.

Texas Tech fans mocked Cal with chants of "Overrated!" in the closing minutes.

The Golden Bears (10-2), who were 111/2-point favorites, simply had no answer against the Red Raiders (8-4) and their efficient spread offense, which uses four wide receivers most of the time

Tech senior Sonny Cumbie threw for a career-high 520 yards and three touchdowns, including a 60-yarder to Joel Filani Safety Vincent Meeks set up a score with a 48-yard interception return

Cumbie was 39-for-60 and broke the Holiday Bowl attempts record of 59 set by BYU's Ty Detmer in 1989. He was short of Detmer's Holiday Bowl record of 576 yards, also set in 1989.

"We have a great band of players around Cumbie said, "and so throwing the ball to them makes things happen. I knew we could have a big night if we executed real well."

Cumbie said opponents can practice all they want. "but our receivers are too fast, our offensive linemen are too good. You can't simulate how good our offense is in three weeks of practice.

Cal's J.J. Arrington became the third running back in Pac-10 history to rush for 2,000 yards in a season. The senior from Nashville, N.C., carried 25 times for 173 vards and reached 2.018 vards.

Southern Cal's Marcus Allen had 2,427 vards in 1981 and Charles White had 2.050 in 1979. Both won the Heisman Trophy. Arrington scored on a 2-yard run in the

first quarter, his 15th rushing TD of the season, a school record. He had been tied with Lindsey Chapman and Russell White.

The Golden Bears were undisciplined on defense - they had two personal fouls on one Tech drive - and Rodgers looked confused at times. California was without career receptions leader Geoff McArthur, who broke his left leg in the fourth quarter of a 26-16 victory at Southern Mississippi

on Dec. 4. "We thought we had a good game plan for them," Arrington said. "We didn't underestimate them at all. We worked hard like we did every other week for anybody

else

Cal's only other loss was 23-17 to No. 1 USC on Oct. 9

Texas Tech had four scoring drives that took less than two minutes each. Trailing 14-7 after the first quarter, the Red Raiders scored 24 straight points and had a commanding 31-14 lead by early in the third

Cumbie threw a 5-yard touchdown pass to Jarrett Hicks for a 17-14 lead with 8:57 left before halftime. The short drive was set up by Meeks' interception return. Tech piled it on with Taurean Hender-

son's 2-yard run late in the second quarter and Cumbie's 60-yard scoring pass to Filani on the opening drive of the second half for a 17-point lead. Filani caught the ball at the Cal 40 and raced past cornerback Daymeion Hughes into the end zone.

Hicks also had a 9-yard TD catch in the first quarter. Rodgers threw an 11-yard TD pass to

Garrett Cross and scored on a 1-yard sneak, both in the fourth quarter. Rodgers was 24-for-42 for 246 vards, with one inter-

Novice QB sparks Sun Devils over Boilermakers who made up

The Associated Press

EL PASO, Texas - Sam Keller showed remarkable poise in his first collegiate start, throwing a 19-yard touchdown pass to Rudy Burgess with 44 seconds left to lead No. 21 Arizona State to a 27-23 victory over Purdue in the Sun Bowl on Friday Starting for injured star An-

drew Walter, the untested sop more completed all four of his passes on the final 80-vard drive in a frantic finish that stunned the Boilermakers and the Sun Bowl-record crowd of 51,288. Burgess caught Keller's final

throw on a screen play, slipped two tackles along the sideline and cut back inside en route to the end zone to give the Sun Devils (9-3) the lead only 30 seconds after Purdue had gone ahead. The Boilermakers (7-5) had

their final opportunity go for naught when a desperation heave by quarterback Kyle Orton fell incomplete in the end zone as time expired.

Keller put on quite a show in place of Walter, going 25-for-45 for 370 yards and three touchdowns. who wasn't selected to Burgess

start until Hakim Hill was kicked off the team earlier this week for breaking unspecified team rules. also had a career afternoon with 189 yards of offense and two touchdown receptions

Derek Hagan added nine recep-tions for 182 yards and a touch-down for ASU, which had lost its three previous bowl games. Arizona State's two novice of-

fensive standouts outplayed Orton and Taylor Stubblefield

Bowl roundup

of the NCAA's most prolific pass-catch

duos. Orton finished 23-for-47 for 281 yards with three touchdowns and Stubble field had seven catches for 81 yards in their final college game

Minnesota 20, Alabama 16: At Nashville, Tenn., Marion Barber III ran for 187 yards and a touchdown and teammate Laurence Maroney added 105 yards on the ground as Minnesota edged Alabama in the Music City Bowl.

Barber and Maroney, the only teammates in NCAA history to each rush for 1,000 yards in consecutive seasons, were the only runners to go over 100 yards in a game this season against the Crimson Tide (6-6), which entered with the nation's second-ranked defense

The Golden Gophers (7-5) ran for 276 yards to overcome three turnovers - including two by Barher — on their first three possessions. Still, they nearly gave the game away in the fourth quarter

Rhys Lloyd, who made field goals from 27 and 24 yards, missed a 24-yard attempt with 5:34 left that would have sealed

On Minnesota's next posses sion, it was pinned deep in its own end and elected to take a safety to make it 20-16 rather than attempt

The decision nearly backfired. Alabama's Tyrone Prothro returned the free kick to the Minnesota 48, and four completions by son Tide to the 15. But Pennington overthrew an open receiver for a likely touchdown on third down and couldn't convert a fourth-and-5 play with 1:14 left.

N.C., kicker Ryan Ohliger ran 21 yards for a touchdown on a fake field goal one play after quarter back Paul Peterson was taken off the field on a stretcher with a broken leg, giving Boston College a

TDs, helping BC (9-3) win a bowl for the fifth straight season

Northern Illinois 34, Troy 21: At San Jose, Calif., Josh Haldi passed for 146 yards and rushed passed for 146 yards and rusned for two touchdowns to lead North

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Louisville ends Boise State's win streak

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plays, huge plays, was running the football. On key downs and

BY TERESA M. WALKER The Associated Press

MEMPHIS. Tenn. - In the highest-scoring Liberty Bowl ever, it was a defensive play by Louisville that ended Boise State's 22-game winning streak

Louisville safety Kerry Rhodes intercepted a pass in the end zone as time expired to preserve No. 7 Louisville's 44-40 victory over 10th-ranked Boise State on Fri-

"It's a great way to end it," Louisville coach Bobby Petrino said. "A national audience, two teams that were supposed to score over 84 points. I think we hit it right on the top."

Louisville now enters the Big East Conference in grand style after handing Boise State its first loss since September 2003 in a game that was the most important in school history for both programs.

"This was big for us," Boise State receiver Chris Carr said. "We don't see ourselves as a non-BCS school or a little school. We see ourselves on the same level as any school we play.

"We wanted to come out here and prove to everybody that we're not a team in the WAC that's not very good, and we just beat up on little teams." Shelton scored

in key situations, he really sparked them. ?? go-ahead touchdown on a 1-vard

run with 6:48 left. Stefan LeFors threw two touchdown passes and also ran for a score as the Cardinals (11-1), who have never finished a season ranked higher than 13th, matched a school record for victories.

The Cardinals won their third Liberty Bowl in their final appearance as a Conference USA team. The Broncos (11-1) had one last

chance to win after Art Carmody's 19-yard field goal with 1:10 left put Louisville up by four. Quarterback Jared Zabransky drove the Broncos to the Louisville 30 before his final pass into the end zone as time expired was intercepted by Rhodes. The Louisville defender atoned for his missed interception opportunity in a 41-38 loss on Oct. 14 to then No 3 Miami

"God blessed me to put me in position to make the play, and I made the play," Rhodes said.

The win was a welcome end to a week in which the Cardinals

were forced to deal with the news that Petrino had interviewed with LSU about its open coaching job

tracted against the Broncos. Petrino kept referring to the Cardinals as "we," and asked if that would remain the same, he

had a short answer We certainly hope so," Petrino said, and he later confirmed he'd

withdrawn his name from consideration by LSU LeFors said the Cardinals had no problem focusing on the task at hand with all the rumors about

Petrino's future. "We wanted to play the game between the lines and let all that other talk, just put it in the back

of your minds and not even worry about it." LeFors said Everyone expected a high-scoring game in a bowl pairing the nation's top two offenses, and the teams didn't disappoint as they swapped the lead five times. The 84 points topped the 80 by Colo-

Dan Hawkins Boise State coach was one of a handful of records

set. Louisville won for the second time in seven bowls despite a sea They certainly didn't seem disson-high four turnovers. The Cardinals rolled up 564 vards, topping 500 yards for the ninth time

this season.

LeFors was 18-for-26 for 193 yards and ran 12 times for 76

The Cardinals rushed for 329 vards against a defense that had been the nation's fourth-best against the run.

"He, particularly running the football, killed us." Boise State coach Dan Hawkins said of Le-Fors. "That doesn't mean he didn't make some throws because he obviously did. But I think where he made some big plays. huge plays, was running the football. On key downs and in key situations, he really sparked them."

This was the biggest game in school history for Boise State, a program that moved up to Division I-A in 1996. The Broncos.

who played their first three bowls on their home field known for its blue turf, thought they could keep with an offense that had trailed only Louisville for most

vards and points. But the Broncos, who lost 12 starters from their 2003 squad, finished with 284 vards offense well below their 511.6-vard aver-

The teams still rewrote the Lib erty Bowl record book.

They combined for the most points in the first quarter with 24, and their 52 points were the most for the first half.

Boise State kicker Tyler Jones had a record 48-yard field goal on the Broncos' first drive, and Broncos linebacker Andy Avalos had a 92-yard interception return off Le Fors in the first quarter that bested the 79-varder by Michael Jordan of Tulane in 1998.

Boise State led as much as 34-21 early in the third quarter after scoring 24 straight points.

Cardinals settled down when LeFors took them on an 81-play drive in eight plays. which he capped with a 14-yard TD toss to J.R. Russell, LeFors then gave Louisville the lead at 35-34 when he ran in from a yard out with 2:17 left in the third

Boise State last led at 40-35 when Jon Helmandollar plunged in from 2 yards with 10:51 left.

Miami wins Florida 'state title' by blasting Gators

rado and Alabama in 1969 and

BY MARK LONG The Associated Press

ATLANTA - Miami center Joel Rodriguez walked across the confetti-covered field carrying the Peach Bowl trophy, hugging teammates and waving to fans

It certainly didn't have the same feel as a national championship or even a conference title. But it will do.

"This is a great way to end your career," said Rodriguez, a senior.

Indeed. The Hurricanes gladly settled for the state title Friday night. Devin Hester returned a blocked field goal 78 yards for a

touchdown, Roscoe Parrish returned a punt 72 yards for a score and the 14th-ranked Hurricanes beat No. 20 Florida 27-10 in the Peach Bowl. "Those guys are playmakers,

Miami coach Larry Coker said. "Team speed is one thing, but to have the ability to make people miss and score touchdowns is a knack that Roscoe and Devin

Miami earned a third consecutive "state title" by beating Florida and Florida State in the same season, spoiling interim coach Charlie Strong's debut and extending its winning streak against the Gators (7-5) to six games.

This time, the Hurricanes (9-3) didn't need a strong performance from Brock Berlin. The senior who transferred quarterback from Florida in January 2002 torched his former team in a 38-33 comeback victory last year.

Berlin finished 13-for-23 for 171 yards Friday. He had a 20-yard touchdown pass to Ryan



Roscoe Parrish's 72-yard punt return TD helped Miami beat Florida 27-10 Friday night in the Peach Bowl.

ended his career 5-0 as a starter against Miami's two biggest rivals - Florida and Florida State

"There's no better feeling than heating ESII three times and Florida twice," Berlin said. "If that isn't big, I don't know what is."

Although Berlin stayed perfect against in-state competition, Mi-

Moore in the third quarter and ami's special teams and defense did the most damage on New Year's Eve.

"In big games like this, you can't give up big plays," Strong said, "Miami ended up getting big plays. They got the two big plays in the kicking game."

Just four plays after a blocked punt gave the Gators great field

position, defensive lineman Thomas Carroll blocked Matt Leach's 32-yard field goal attempt. Hester picked up the loose ball and sprinted the other way for a score

The momentum swing set the tone for the Hurricanes, who sacked Chris Leak on the next two plays and intercepted a pass late in the second quarter. Miami put constant pressure on Leak and finished with five sacks.

'Chris was never able to get comfortable in the pocket," Strong said. "They got tons of

pressure and a lot of sacks."

Leak overthrew O.J. Small one play after Frank Gore fumbled in Florida territory. Hester picked off the pass and snaked his way 28 yards across the field to put Miami back in field goal range Jon Peattie nailed a 47-yarder to give the 'Canes a 10-3 lead.

Miami forced Florida to punt on the ensuing possession, and Parrish caught the line-drive kick and ran untouched up the seam for a 72-yard score.

Strong said the special teams breakdowns might not have happened had fired coach Ron Zook been around. Zook also was Florida's special teams coordinator.

It got worse. Leach missed a 41-vard field goal in the waning seconds of the first half that could have sparked the Gators.

Berlin's TD pass early in the third quarter silenced the partisan and packed Georgia Dome. "We woke up a little bit on offense in the second half," Coker "We got up by three scores,

and the clock became our ally. Still, Leak's best pass of the game got the Gators back in it. He faked a handoff, had plenty of time and found Jemalle Corne-

lius wide open on a post pattern for a 45-yard score. Leak finished 19-for-39 for 262 yards with a touchdown and two

interceptions. But his comeback was short-lived. Miami capped a 65-yard drive

with Peattie's 32-yard field goal, making it 27-10 early in the fourth

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Navy shines in Emerald Bowl

Mids seal first 10-win season since 1905 by routing Lobos

BY STEVE FAINARU

The Washington Post

SAN FRANCISCO - Navy football's first 10-win season in 99 years ended with quarterback Aaron Polanco leading an astonishing 26-play drive across a wet field against one of the nation's toughest defenses.

The drive consumed 14 minutes. 26 seconds - nearly an entire quarter — and traveled 94 yards into the wind before Geoff Blumenfeld kicked a 22-yard field goal, completing Navy's 34-19 victory over New Mexico Thursday in the third Emerald Bowl

The long march provided a grinding summary not only of how Navy won its first bowl game since 1996, but also how it turned around its program under coach Paul Johnson, who took over in 2002 after the Midshipmen went 1-20 the previous two seasons.

During this 10-2 season, the best since Navy went 10-1-1 in 1905, Johnson relied heavily on the previously untested Polanco, a quantitative economics major from Wimberly, Texas, who was born so tiny (2 pounds) in 1983 he was simultaneously baptized and given his last rites

Now an unimposing 6-feet, 208 pounds, Polanco was all over the field Thursday, diving into puddle-filled end zones, hurdling defenders, catching halfback passes. The game's most valuable offensive player ran for three touchdowns and gained 136 yards on 26 carries. He threw for another touchdown, a 61-yard strike to



Navy celebrates its first postsea son victory since the 1996 Aloha Bowl. The Midshipmen sealed the victory with a 14-minute, 26-second drive that ended with a field goal late in the fourth quarter.



Navy quarterback Aaron Polanco, jumping over New Mexico's Gabriel Fulbright, ran for three touchdowns and threw for another to lead the Midshipmen to a 34-19 victory over New Mexico in the Emerald Bowl or omen to a 34-19 victory over New Mexico in the Emerald Bowl on Thursday. Polanco, a senior, ran for 136 yards and even caught two passes for 23 yards.

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Navy coach

wide receiver Corey Dryden that was Navy's longest of the season. He also caught two passes from slotback Frank Divis; one set up a touchdown and the other extended the long fourth-quarter march.

"I think this will go down in the annals as one of the special Navy teams," said Johnson, who has led the Middies to an 18-7 record the past two years.

Navy was the second-least penalized team in the nation this sea-

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son and the third-best rushing team after leading the nation in rushing last year.

Asked about his multi-faceted performance, Polanco shrugged,

The victory carried its own sobering reality for Navy. A team that finished 10-2 will lose 36 se-

niors, 16 of them starters.

Upon graduation, each player will begin mandatory military service and possible tours in Iraq, in particular those players who have selected service in the U.S. Marine Corps.

The Marines have operational

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lowa upends LSU on 56-vard score on final play: Georgia, Florida State. Tennessee prevail

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beats ninth-ranked **Georgia Tech on** last-second shot

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